

Return of the gladiator Deadly 'cockfights' erupt in L.A. prison

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# The hat, the cane, the countryside: some things never change





Seat of the mighty: Randolph Churchill, great-grandson of Sir Winston, takes the seat at Chartwell favoured by the wartime leader, pictured right in characteristic pose in 1953 (Magnum)

# Grozny's fate; Russia's destiny

The struggle for control of Russia and the fate of tens of thousands of sick, marooned and frightened people were last night intertwined as shells started to rain down on the battered city of Grozny.

Even before the attack they have grimly promised for the Chechen capital had started, Russian field commanders were openly defying their own Defence Minister and the head of the country's Security Council. Alexander Lebed, by bomharding civilians.

Their readiness to do so underlines the yawning rift in Russia's armed forces. It is particularly dangerous because of the confusion that has engulfed the government of Russia. The immediate battle for control over policy in Chechnya has become part of the long-term struggle for power in the Kremlin.

The reason for the powerstruggle was highlighted by the absence "on holiday" of President Boris Yeltsin, and general perplexity about whether or not he approves of the looming attack. With several of his top officials at each others' throats, President Yeltsin was last night due to fly back from what his staff said was a brief break in the



Boris Yeltsin - ill, exhausted, and completely out of touch. Aides say he's flying home, after a trip to the countryside to find a holiday spot while his government fells apart.

countryside, but which many ob-

servers suspect had more to do

with his heart trouble than with

Anxious to dispel the grow-ing impression that he is losing control of his administration,

Mr Yeltsin's aides said he would

be back at work in the Krem-

lin today. If so, he will find him-self face-to-face with the biggest

political and military crisis to hit-

normal relaxation.

Russia for months.



Alexander Lebed - in Chechnya, desperately trying to find someone to obey his orders as the head of the Security Council, and stop the planned bombardment of rebel-held Grozny.

His return coincides with the

expiry of the deadline set by the

acting commander of Russia's forces in Chechnya, General

Konstantin Pulikovsky, who on Monday declared plans for an all-out bombardment of Grozny

in a bid to win it back from the

Quite apart from the human cost of his strategy - tens of

control of Chechen rebels.



Viktor Chemomyrdin keeping his head below the parapets of the Kremlin and saying nothing. Lebed is a future rival for the presidency, so Chemomyrdin is happy to watch him squirm.

his ally, by condemning the ul-

timatum. He said General Pulikovsky - who has lost a son in the Chechen war - had acted

Bravery of the long distance runner

the war zone.



General Igor Rodionov - the friend Alexander Lebed and opposing the Chechen war.

newly elected Defence Minister is standing loyally by his But his generals are not pay-ing any attention to him.

cluding many elderly, sick and "been given a dressing down", wounded-it flew in the face of adding that "someone prothe conciliatory strategy of Mr voked Pulikovsky into making Lebed, the president's envoy to

the threat". But murky allegiances seem to be forming in the absence of Yesterday the Defence Minister, Igor Rodinnov, firmly aligned himself with Mr Lebed, a clear lead from the Inp. Pulikovsky was supported by the general in overall charge of Russian forces in Chechnya, Lieutenant-General Vyacheslav Tichomirov who, after returning from holiday, resumed com-

weeks ago under the strain of

He said: "When you've been

training for something for four

years it's just an amazing feel-

the rigorous training.

ing to win.

Grozny would "not live to see further warnings from me". Agency reports from Grozny last night said that buildings were already alight in parts of

the city. Even if today's all-out bombardment is postponed, the issue has exposed the vast gap that now separates the more hardline generals - who are determined not to lose face and who cling to the illusion that the rebels can be crushed - from Mr Lebed and his supporters. who know that the only way for-ward is a negotiated settle-ment. And, although the Russian military has long been a bothed of dissent, the split is

highly damaging. Yesterday Mr Lebed arrived in the war zone in an attempt to reassert his battered authority by getting the ultimatum lifted, a move that would win him huge applause from many bberal Russians, who have been horrified by their generals' latest antics. He also planned to meet the Chechen leadership in an attempt to revive peace talks - an operation in which his chief stumbling block is no longer the machine-gun toting rebels, hut senior Russian officials. As Izvestia wrote yesterday: "To-day's formula is this - federal

ing to prevent Lebed winning the laurels as the lamer of the

Caucasus." But the crisis has also exposed a remarkable, and still more alarming, paralysis at the top of the Russian government. Astonishingly, it remains un-clear where Mr Yeltsin stands on the assault plan. There is some evidence that he is in favour of it, having issued an order to Mr Lebed to restore Russian control in Grozny to the level of 5 August — the day be-fore the rebels stormed in.

But, in a move which is tantamnunt to admitting that the president is no longer in charge.

from the President, but from a elique in the Kremlin who are determined to prolong the war,

and are willing to forge the pres-idential signature to do so. Mr Yeltsin's absentecism aside, the Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin has remained aloof, even when Mr Lebed demanded the sacking nf one his most senior afficials, the Interior Minister, Anataly Kulikov, last week. And Anatoly Chubais, the president's chief-nf-staff - the last official to see any presidential decree before it reaches Mr Yeltsin himself has been nowhere to be seen.

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Pollution promise
The Secretary of State for the Environment, John Gummer, ledged an end to smog within I years with the launch of the overnment's National Air nality Strategy and an-unced a series of curbs on ptor pollution. Page 5

Gidbai drama The opening of the new Globe Theatre, on London's South Bank, was plagued by lastminute hitches, as the longawaited opening performance of The Two Gentlemen of Verona gave the audience a taste of drama in an authentic Shakespearcan setting.

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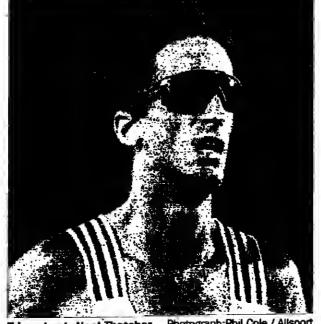
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### as athlete with broken leg wins gold REBECCA FOWLER

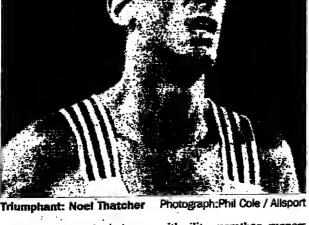
It was the most heroic British Olympic victory of the summer. Noel Thatcher, a partially sighted athlete with a fractured leg. won gold in the 10,000 metres at the Paralympics in Atlanta early yesterday morning, and smashed the world record by 50

As stunned spectators at the Atlantic stadium watched, Thatcher ran to first place in 32 minutes and 20.27 seconds. He took Britain's 44th gold medal in the games, as part of a Paralympic team that has already outshone the able-bodied athletes who competed there earlier this summer.

His achievement was praised by Brendan Foster, the former 10,000 metres record holder. who said: "To win a record in that time at the Paralympics is unbelievable, especially under those circumstances. For an able-hodied athlete 50 seconds would be staggering, and it must be a performance of that mag-LIVERS 45 be a performance of that magnitude, on a par with Michael Johnson's performance."



Thatcher, 30, a physiothera-pist from Harlow in Essex, has spent the last year flying from London to Japan, for sessions



with elite marathon runners who are experts in the psy-chology of long-distance run-

ning. He fractured his shin two

then it was really painful. It's a runners' thing. My coaches in Japan have helped me with the mental preparation for this kind of race, which gave me the strength to keep going.

"I've also never had such an emotive or supportive crowd." Despite the pain in his leg. Thatcher is also determined to run in the 5,000 metres tomorrow and emulate his hero, Emil Zatopek, the Czech athlete who won gold medals in both races at the Helsinki Olympics

n Britain's 4x100 relay heat, one bour before the 10,000 metres. to allow a teammate to recover from a bamstring injury. For Britain, the Paralympics

"It took a long time to sink in, that I'd done it, and that I'd have increasingly brought more glory than the traditional games, where British athletes broken the record in that time. won only one gold medal this it was unreal, and it was only when I bad breakfast today that it began to feel real." The Paralympic team is set to

equal its performance at the last Thatcher added; "I didn't games in Barcelona, where it feel the leg at all while I was came third on the medal table. running. "It was only afterwards, and out of 127 countries. According to Thatcher, it is

the strong team spirit among the British athletes that has brought them such an impressive haul of medals. He said: "It's a brilliant spir-

it, and it's contaginus. Winning is catching out here."

His shin was put under extra

#### news

### Director struts and frets his hour upon the stage significant shorts

DAVID LISTER Arts News Editor

The play's the thing. Only in this case it wasn't. The Two Gentleman of Verona is hardly one of Shakespeare's hest-known works, neither was the cast quite the thing. A member playing two parts broke his leg n too rapid a descent of a ladder during the dress rehearsal and had to be replaced before last night's performance.

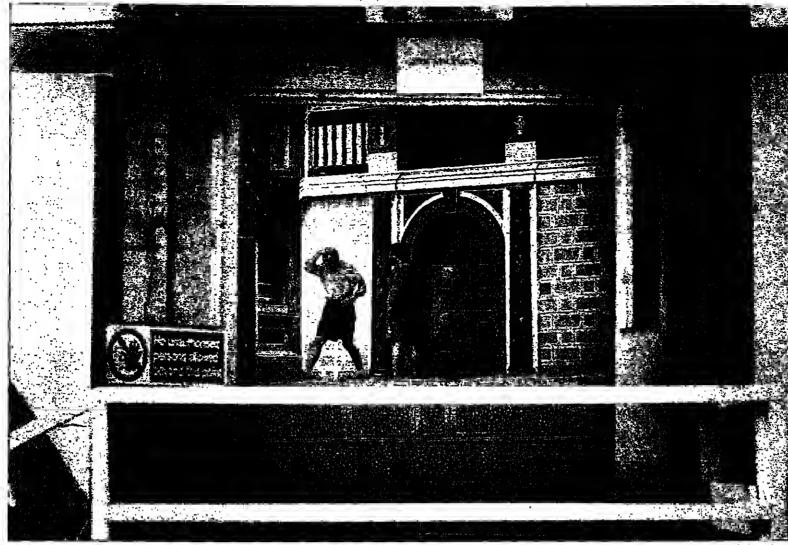
The parking certainly wasn't

the thing: facilities seemed no better than when the Puritans closed the theatre in the 1640s and traffic wardens seemed to outnumber celebrity guests. Nor was the food the thing: despite the traditions of the Bank-side area, with its alleged historic hostelries, one café was all that could be spied from the riverside. Advance sales were not exactly the thing: tickets were available for every evening of this first season except last

night's opening.
It had to be then that the playhouse was the thing. And so it proved. Though huilding continues, the dream of the late im-presario Sam Wanamaker came to pass last night and the Bard's words were spoken from un-demeath the wooden O of the (30m Globe Theatre.

Mark Rylance, director and one of last night's Gentlemen of Verona, said: "The Globe is to be used ... to rediscover something of the original interpretation of the plays ... this reconstruction is the first opportunity to explore the physical setting and what that contributes to the plays." He has also given his hlessing to the crowd, particularly 500 groundlings standing in Eliza-

bethan mode in "the yard". In the queue, some tension seemed evident within the new class structure of unreserved ticket holders and groundlings. "It will be fascinating to hear the words spoken in this building on a still night," said one UTH. "1



Mark Rylance, director of the Globe, (left), in late rehearsals before yesterday's opening of The Two Gentlemen of Verona

depend on groundlings." A couple of groundlingsmerely stared icily at him, conserving their aes-

The audience seemed too overwhelmed by a sense of occasion to do anything so culturally and historically accurate as boo, cheer or make bawdy rehope there's no disturbance, It marks during speeches. Besides.

strike a literary chord with Southwark magistrates.

So it was a matter of seeing how Shakespeare, as nature intended, in natural light and from the discomfort of a woodcould be a new textual and even spiritual experience. For the

pinching the serving wenches in the name of tradition might not groundlings queue were Lila groundlings queue were Lila and Sharia Smith, mother and daughter from Minnesota, visiting England principally to see the new Globe. "This is where we wanted to be. I hear this is where the bawdy things happen. I guess we're the low life," said

stunningly beautiful replica of the original Globe, with three galleries of seating and a courtyard for the groundlines. As in Elizabethan times, servers sold food and drink from baskets; unlike Elizabethan times, the drink was non-alcoholic.

But the real unforeseen hero of the night was Steven Alvey, Inside, the theatre looked a replacing George Innes, who

had come down the ladder too fast. Mr Alvey was until last night a plasterer on the site who also occasionally worked in the education centre and had heard the lines so many times he all but knew them by heart. The allpurpose actor/teacher/plasterwas something even Shakespeare would not have

More than two-thirds of London Underground services are expected to run during 24-hour strikes Iomorrow and next Tuesday after one of the two unions involved in a dignet come hour and account to the two unions involved in a dispute over hours and pay agreed to accept a peace formula. On the rail network, seven train operators will be

hit by stoppages tomorrow and next Tuesday

Meanwhile, on the eve of a day-long nationwide walkout
today by postal workers, union leaders were warned that the business was "looking down the harrel of a gun". John Roberts, chairman of the Post Office, said that continuing action was jeopardising job security. Barrie Clement

Detective John Bennett, who headed the Fred West murder inquiry, has arrived in Belgium to assist officers investigating a suspected child abuse ring, met the team working on the disappearance of a clutch of children and the deaths of two, believed to have starved to death.

No one has yet been charged in connection with the girls deaths. But four people are in custody following last week's rescue of another two girls from a niny cellar where they had been imprisoned and sexually abused. Louise Jury

been imprisoned and sexually abused. Louise Jury

Wales's oldest man, Griffith Williams, a former Royal Welch Pusilier, who arrested Eamon De Valera, the Irish Republican leader, has died, aged 108. Mr Williams, of LLithfaen on the LLeyn peninsular, north Wales, arrested De Valera, later president of the Irish Republic, while

serving with the regiment in Ireland in the First World War and spent a night guarding him in a cell. Former missionary Jane Cross, thought to be Scotland's oldest woman, died yesterday at the age of 109 in a church home at Helensburgh, Strathelyde.

Makers of the famous Benedictine Buckfast Wine have been fined £3,000 after they admitted some of their brew was not made by monks. The sweet honey and tonic wine, marketed as having been made by monks at their ancient abbey in Devon, is sold all over the world. But trading standards investigators discovered that some of the tonic wine sold for export had never heen to the abbey, despite a label claiming: "Made by Benedictine Monks, Buckfast Abbey". Magistrates at Dorchester, Dorset, heard that batches for the Caribbean were prepared in Bristol and then bottled in Dorset.

David Blunkett criticised restrictions on debate within the Labour Party, which he said were leading to "hland. slightly boring politics. The shadow Secretary of State for Education and Employment admitted that now even he sometimes got bored by the nature of the debate.

Camelof plans to launch its own beer and sparkling wine. The National Lottery organiser already markets wine, The Nanonal Lottery organises already markets gifts like key rings and jewellery but believes it could really hit the jackpot by marketing alcohol. Its marketing manager, Robin Bowler, said: "We are looking at options in the area of food and drinks as part of our licensing programme."

The Independent – an apology: The Editor apologises to those readers in some parts of the country whose newspapers were late yesterday. This was caused by mechanical problems beyond our control.

# Pure science revives at GCSE

The slimmed-down national curriculum has boosted entries for individual GCSE science subjects, reversing the trend of nearly a decade and raising hopes of an improved take-up of science in the sixth form.

Figures released yesterday by the GCSE exam hoards also showed that the proportion c entries getting grades A\* to C - the equivalent of a pass in the old O-level - rose by 1 percentage point to 53.7 per cent. In physics, chemistry and hi-

ology, entries were up hy 6.1 per cent, 6.9 per cent and 5.9 per cent respectively. Entries in all three subjects have fallen by 80 percentage points or more since 1988 when the GCSE started.

Since then the number of entries for combined science has risen from 150,000 to nearly a two years ago by Sir Ron cent though there was a rise of

**Judith Judd** on a trend resulting from the reduction in the curriculum

the fall in the take-up of indi-vidual science subjects has contributed to the drop in numbers taking the subject at A-level. Critics of combined science say rais to prepare p level courses.

Alan Snuthers. Professor of versity, said the improved entries for individual science were the result of the new slimmeddown curriculum. "The curriculum now gives schools more time and the individual sciences, which take more time than combined science, have re-

vived," he said. The review of the curriculum

million but some experts believe Dearing, the Government's ed- 3.1 per cent in the 16-year-old were slightly worse than in the ucation adviser, cut the number of compulsory subjects for pupils aged 14 to 16.

Lord Henley, the schools minister, said: "The GCSE has been tried an proved its worth in motivating and stretching young people of Public Policy at Brunel Uni- all abilities. I am particularly pleased to see significant improvements in science and maths results, areas crucial to our national competitiveness.

The overall pass rate for grades A\* to G remained the same as in 1995 - 98.6 per cent. As The Independent revealed yesterday, the total entry for the GCSE increased by only 1.1 per

population, suggesting that previous year. The percentage schools are not entering thousands of weaker pupils.

Last night teachers' leaders claimed that the change had 30 per cent after the requirebeen caused by increased co petition between schools.

grades A - C rose slightly in science and maths and stayed much the same in English. Last year, English and maths results

awarded arrA or A overall was up by 0.6 per cent.

Entries for technology fell by to study the subject was tem-The proportion gaining porarily withdrawn. Instead, pupils took home economics. business studies, computing, music and art, the entries for which all increased. Entries for

Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said: "The GCSE's critics should now pack their hags and skulk away. Their concerns have been addressed."

history were down by 5.3 per

David Blunkett, Labour's education spokesman, said: "We need to have far more people

gaining the equivalent of 5 A -

C grades, either through GCSE

or vocational qualifications, if

we are to meet our national

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# Weaker pupils sacrificed in grades chase



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**Education Correspondent** 

Less-able pupils are paying the price for competition in edu-cation as schools cut down on the numbers taking GCSEs, teachers' leaders said last night. As new figures revealed in yesterday's Independent sug-

gested that thousands were leaving school at 16 without qualifications, experts were searching for explanations. More than one in eight school leavers does not pass any exams at all, it has emerged. While some argued that

schools were not entering pupils who were likely to fail, others said the reasons why a 3 per cent rise in the number of 16-year-olds had only led to a 1 per cent rise in exam entries were complex. Improved employment prospects for 16-year-olds, cuts

in the number of exams taken by each pupil and increases in exclusions and truancy could all he responsible, it was suggested. Officials argued that league tables were not likely to have caused mass withdrawals hecause they were based on the proportion of the age group who passed GCSEs, regardless of whether they entered or not. But there were claims that schools were reducing entries in the hope of boosting grades. However, David Hart, gen-

eral secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said there was a strong suspicion used to judge their performances in league tables,

that schools were concentrating on exting as many pupils as possible through five or more A-C grades, the measure usually "A competitive education market is bound to produce win-

ners and losers. The tragedy is

that the less-able pupils appear to be paying the price," he said.

Others argued that the ap-

parent drop in entries could be due to a decrease in the number of pupils taking resits. Alan Smithers, professor of public policy at Brunel University, said that in 1992, 12 per cent of 17-year-olds resat GCSEs. Now, very few did so. Instead, 78,000 took intermediate vocational qualifications in 1994.

Professor Smithers added that some schools might be encourage weaker pupils to con-centrate on fewer GCSE subjects "in the hope that they might get more C grades'

Some headteachers said yesterday that although there were no figures available yet, it was possible that more pupils were leaving at Easter without qualifications to take up jobs. An upturn in the economy might have led to an increase in unskilled employment, they said,

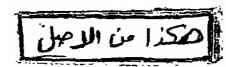
Others blamed the cost of entering pupils for exams for the apparent drop in entries. John Dunford, headteacher of Durham Johnston comprehensive school in Durham and president of the Secondary Heads Association, said his school spent more than £30,000 per year on GCSE exam fees. With a total budget of £300,000, 80 per cent of which went on salaries, the costs represented a major item, he said.

A Department for Education and Employment spokesman tional qualifications or a drop in entries by mature students could account for the shortfail.

"We are aware that there are some students leaving school without any qualifications, and we have asked Sir Ron Dearing Chairman of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority] to consider what might he done to motivate them. He suggested a qualification for those who are missed out by the GCSE system," he said.

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### (from left) Rita Tushingham in the 1960s kitchen-sink drama A Taste of Honey Photograph: Ronald Grant; The BBC TV sitcom Till Us Do Part, set in a terraced house in Wapping; and Lambeth Walk in south London (Photograph: Hulton Getty) Coronation Street for every town

**ANTHONY BEVINS** Political Editor

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The terraced house, urhan home to millions of families for 150 years, is one of the govemment solutions to the problem of how to meet the demand for 4.4 million new homes over the next 20 years.

Ministers want to see more ter aced housing and fewer cars in town and city centres and a cutbacks in the number of edge-of-town estates of semi-detached houses. The Government is being forced to face up to an impending planning crisis that is being generated by deep-seated social change.

Within 20 years it is possible that only one-fifth of all households will contain married couples with dependent children. And it is estimated that 80 per cent of the 4.4 million new households will contain just one person.

Offering the terraced house as one solution to the problem, Robert Jones, Planning Minister at the Department of the Environment, says in the latest issue of Parliamentary Review that higher-density housing in the "gyns and cities could help to ease development pressure to consider the implications of on the countryside.

But what do we mean by higher density? To me it means 19.2 million in 1991 to 23.6 milthat the future holds a major 'It does not mean tower blocks. High density does not East Midlands, the Eastern re- ples with dependent children

raced housing with a garden –
the staple of London housing –
is very versatile, especially if
well-designed. "Some of the properties can be left as famihouses. Or they can be converted into one or two-bedroom flats with gardens, roof terraces, or, in some cases, perhaps

with no outside space. Mr Jones, who also urged greater use of vacant industrial or office space for housing in towns and cities, said that one of the problems was that flat conversions would not necessarily have space for parking.

But he added: "Car parking standards should not rule our lives nor preclude bousing opportunities for those in housing need. Indeed, there may be circumstances, particularly new development in areas of high public transport accessibility and conversions in town centres, where 'car free' housing could be an option."

Mr Jones was adding his thoughts to a "Places for People" debate started by Environment Secretary John Gummer in June, when he told the Royal Town Planning Institute's annual conference in Brighton that the country had a projected increase in the number of households, from lion by 2016.

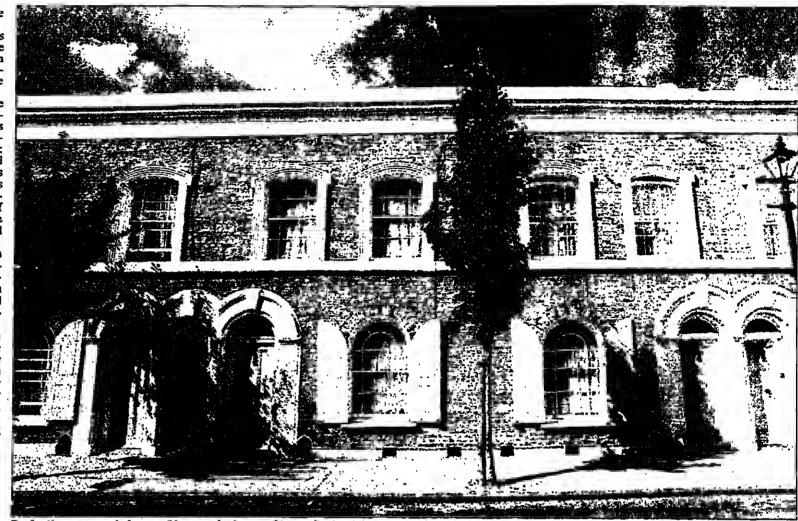
slowed in recent years, the number of households has been growing faster than ever - because the size of the average household is getting smaller Mr Gummer said: "Of the

4.4 million new households, almost 80 per cent, 3.5 million, is expected to come from one-person households." He added: "The potential environmental cost of hundreds of thousands of new homes spreading across the countryside to accommodate the cumulative effects of modern lifestyles has to be faced. We who live on a small island have nowhere to hide.

"The implications for us, in helping to build places for people, are enormous. So let's accept the need for real debate on the central issues of household formation and the impact on demand for new homes

Identifying some of the main causes of household growth, he said that people were not only living longer, but they were also healthier and wealthier and therefore able to live longer in their own homes. The young, who generally wanted a "place of their own", were remaining single for longer - and there was the increase in family break-up. On present trends, he said,

family breakdown would realt in less than a fifth of all quarter were projected for the households being married cou-



# Grand facades and little boxes, beloved of a million Pooters

JACK O'SULLIVAN

Robert Jones sounds like a Coronation Street fan. His image of terraced streets emptied of cars, a road fit for children kicking a ball about, conjures up it aland of the Rovers Return, where a sense of community thrives. Terracing is probably the single most important reason why this is the most intimate of television soap operas.

When Channel 4's Brookside was launched in a close of semidetached houses, none of the characters initially knew each other. Even EastEnders feels like a more fragmented place than its Granada rival. The reason: it's in a square, whereas Commation Street is rooted in

the terraced row. We feel nostalgic for ways that spring from living at such close quarters. Coronation Street is where people from different classes can mix. "Ken Barlow

may be head of English at a secondary school," says Paul Marquess, story editor of the series but he can still live three doors down from Gary and Judy Mallett, who are very loud, very common, lots of fun and living

This is Britain at ease with itself, where alienation and breakdown are thwarted by ar-

in a different world."

chitectural design.
Or perhaps Mr Jones has been listening to Radio Four's readings this week of *The Diary* of a Nobody; fictional reminiscences of Charles Pooter, whose efforts at social climbing from his Holloway terrace have amused generations. His witterings chime with a London middle class busily refurbishing run-down terraces, stripping doors, cherishing original features" and creating grandeur in homes built for Victorian aspirants. There is an enduring fascination with this peculiarly

Big or small, the terraced home is where the British heart is

English form of housing, which has dominated the urban landscape for two centuries.

In continental Europe, urban dwellers contented themselves with flats. In Britain (apart from Scotland) we wanted that little house with a garden. By 1911, nearly nine out of 10 Britons lived in some sort of row or another after a staggering period of building designed to accommodate a rise in the population of England and Wales to 36 million from 9 mil-

lion a century before. The terrace was the perfect solution. Most important, it was, says Martin Pawley, former editor of *World Architecture*, "fast and cheap to build with only two external walls and a roof that crossed from one house to another". The term "terrace" covered a great vacades of west London, Bath, Brighton and Cheltenham to the slums of the East End and the northern industrial cities. But they made it possible for all to

live close to the booming cities.
The arrival of the suburban railways at the end of the nineteenth century signalled the end of the great boom in the terrace. Cheap fares and the car enabled workers to commute to the cities while living in semidetached or even detached homes. Likewise, the appalling conditions in back-to-back terraces, home to the poorest, lent support to the post-war modern movement's desire to demolish the poorest housing

which the Luftwaffe had not already bombed.
The middle-class variety also became the subject of disdain,

riety, from the grand classical fa- as the folk singer Pete Seeger sang: "Little boxes, little box-

> And they all look just the Bnt the alternatives have won few hearts. For the poor, system-built concrete high-rises have been so abysmal as to prompt a rethink. Among the middle-classes, taking over the hetter terraces, there has been an appreciation of the flexibility of older housing. "We have the technologies," says Mr Pawley, "to make pretty unbearable housing hearable in the centre of cities. We take out chimneys, install central heating, convert attics in rooves, put in dormer

es/And they are all made of ticky

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Ben Derbyshire, partner with London-based HTA Architects, says he is a "serious en-

we are asked to replace demolished high-rise estates, the first thing we do is examine the nineteenth-century street plans showing what the area was like before slum clearance. We of-

ten reintroduce old streets.

difference.

Terraces, he argues, are safer because they are hard to hurgle from the back and because so many other homes look on to the front. Schemes in London's East End, Islington and Coin Street are largely faithful

There's no disguising

problem toenails

When you look at our schemes to Victorian principles. Ironiand those in Victorian times. cally, in Hulme, a Manchester sometimes it's hard to tell the district near the area upon which Coronation Street was modelled 35 years ago, the Sixties concrete crescent blocks are

being demolished. The replacements look remarkahly similar to where Ken Barlow and the Malletts continue to thrive.

# Apathy rules with the young voter

BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

POLITICAL parties face an uphill task to persuade young people to vote in the next General Election, according to a poll conducted by Mori.

Only two in five 18-24 year olds are "comain or very likely" to vote compared with a turnout of more than half in 1992.

The pollsters, who were conducting the research on behalf of the TUC, discovered a widespread apathy among young electors but also found that the highest level of support went to Labour. The survey found that 41 per cent would always or normally vote for Labour, compared with 16 per cent Conservative and 11 per cent

Liheral Democrat. Another poll conducted by NOP for the TUC in May helps explain youngsters' apathy.
When asked how well politicians understood what working life was really like, 45 per cent said "not very well". A further 24 per

cent said "not at all well".

highest in Wales with 65 per cent, the North 54 per cent, Scotland, 52 per cent and London 47 per cent. Only one in three in the Midlands and one in four living in South or East Anglia supported Labour.

Backing for the Tories is higher in the South and among full-time workers on a permanent contract. Around one in three young people earning more than £150 a week say they would always or normally vote Conservative, compared with one in six young people as a

One in ten young people said they would always or nor-maily vote Liberal Democrat and this rose to one in five in

While the survey results will make disappointing reading for Labour politicians who are expecting to attract most of the votes among the young, John Monks, TUC general secre-tary, said the findings were most depressing for the

Conservatives. There was little to please The measure of support for trade unions in the research Labour in the latest poll was material and no sign that young right to be represented.

people were reverting to collectivist attitudes in the face of a tougher work environment. There was considerable pes simism about the future quality of life and job prospects for young people in Britain but an optimism about their own future

employment. The survey found nearly three-quarters of the youngsters surveyed did not meet the "two year rule" qualifying period for legal protectioo against unfair dismissal. Half of respondents cited instances of unfair treatment at work with the most commonly mentioned examples low pay and "poor treat-

ment by management". However union leaders did not emerge with their reputations enhanced. Some 22 per cent of respondents thought they were out of touch with the world of work.

There was a substantial degree of support for Labour policies. Some 78 per cent wanted a national minimum wage to protect employees from exploitation and 90 per cent agreed they should have the her into an alleyway where he

## Alleged rapist questions victim at Old Bailey

HELEN NOWICKA

An Old Bailey jury was last night considering its verdict in a rape trial in which the victim spent six days in court answering questions from her alleged

Raiston Edwards was able to cross-examine the 34-year-old woman as he had chosen to defend himself. Mr Edwards denies three

charges of rape and one of buggery, claiming that the woman consented to sex. During her questioning by Mr Edwards, the woman told him:

Throughout my ordeal I was trying to stay calm and not rile you. I wanted to get away but you raped and sodomised me." Robert Holt, prosecuting,

claimed in court that Mr Edwards, 42, started talking to the woman, a mother of two, outside Lewisham station, south London, in December. She had tried to shake him off

and, when she alighted, pursued

began to grope her, said Mr Holt. "She was absolutely petrified. But she thought it best to co-operate, and asked if there was somewhere else they could go."

The prosecution say the woman had planned to attract someone's attention as she walked to Mr Edwards' flat, a squat, in nearby Catford - but the streets were descried.

She had feared for her life, thinking he had a gun in his holdall. In fact the condom salesman's bag contained 900 prophylactics. The woman told the jury

that she had pleaded with her captor as he pushed her onto a bare mattress on the floor, but be had ignored her. When Mr Edwards eventually fell asleep she ran to a nearby garage where employees called the police.

Since the alleged attack the woman said she has received psychiatric care and is living at but he followed her onto a bus a secret address. The jury is expected to return

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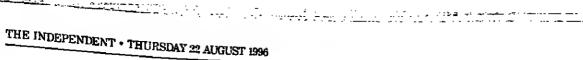
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# Rebellion looms for Weavers as personal contracts arrive in capitalism's last outpost

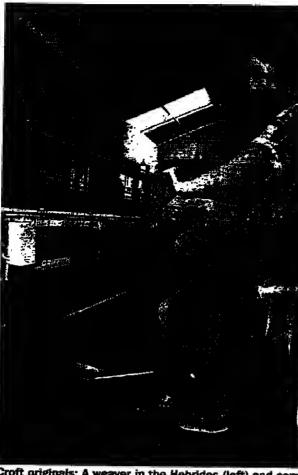
MICHAEL STREETER

Harris tweed fabric in the Hebredian islands have finally come up against the rigours of modern competitive business

The Harris tweed fabric, famed among soi-disant aristocrats around the world, is at says: "In view of the close nathe centre of a dispute after its main producers suffered a mini-

The Macleod-Mackenzie mill group on the adjoining is-The croft-based weavers of lands of Harris and Lewis, who control 90 per cent of the £11m market, have placed adverts in a local newspaper urging weavers to work solely for

> Seeking a network of "premier weavers", the company ture of this relationship, it would be inappropriate for Pre-



Croft originals: A weaver in the Hebrides (left) and some of the sheep that provide the industry's raw material

nancial or management interest in any other organisation pro-ducing Harris Tweed." Macleod group is trying to cor-ner the market. A spokesman, John Morri-

However, representatives of the 400 weavers on the islands have set up this summer a cooperative called Harris Tweed Weavers Co, which aims to cash m on an expanding market expected to to be worth £50m by the year 2000.

They have complained to the Monopolies and Mergers Com-mission, stating that the

A spokesman, John Morri-son, said Macleod's plans would benefit some crofters but would leave others "twiddling their The co-op director, Donald

Morrison, retorted: "This sort of thing goes against the spirit of weaving as a community

The aim should be to get as much work as possible for the offering personal contracts.

islands' weavers - not for mills to try to do each other down." The immediate dispute is

over £10m of European Union grants to help to convert the traditional 75cm hand looms to 150 cm looms, which is the stan-dard now adopted by the clothing industry, Macleod-Mackenzie say

their moves are an attempt to guarantee work and increase business but deny they are only

"People can work for other people as well," said a spokesman.

Harris Tweed is made from pure new wool and is handmade crofters at their homes. It is nown as a hardwearing fabric widely used in tailoring, fashion and furnishings.

The anxiety over the moves towards exclusive working was reflected by one Lewis weaver yesterday who said he and his fellow weavers were now "really confused and worried" over the best way forward for them

to secure work. "I think we all want to be independent but we also want steady work," said the 44-yearold weaver.

"Whatever we decide to do, we will be upsetting someone." The co-operative's leaders formally took action and reported the offer of personal contracts by the group, an amalgamation of the long-es-

tablished mills run by Kenneth Maeleod Ltd and Kenneth Mackenzie Ltd. to the MMC.

Their letter to the commission says a near-monopoli supplier is raising significant barriers to the entry of new competitors by undertaking restrictive practices.

The MMC said last night that they could only consider a reference from the Department of Trade and Industry and they

# Anti-pollution strategy aims to banish smog

NICHOLAS-SCHOON **Environment Correspondent** 

An end to smogs within 10 extra action to improve air years was promised yesterday by the Environment Secretary John Gummer as he launched the Government's National Air

Quality Strategy. He foresaw a future in which there are more families with just one car, more families who manage without owning a car, and more hiring of cars'.

But environmentalists were upset and the car industry relieved to find the 188-page document contained no firm commitments to radical new measures for restraining vehicle use or curbing their emissions, which it identifies as one of the main causes of air pollution.

The strategy is largely a restatement of existing policies and legislation, the most important of which flow from European Union laws. It does, bowever, set new standards for the eight most important types of air pollutant which pose the biggest threat to buman health.

The aim is to achieve these standards by 2005, which would eliminate summer and winter smogs. "In the first decade of the next century, children will hegin to say to their parents what was smog?', said Mr Gummer. These standards, among the toughest in the world, were proposed by a com-mittee of health and air quality experts that the Government appointed for the purpose.

ever, that some of the measures over £13bn a year in Britain. "should ... be regarded as proes clear that arr quality, over and above what the Government was already committed to before yesterday's launch, will only go ahead if the costs outweigh the benefits.

But it also confirms that the Ozone hot-spots

Britain's worst air pollution hot spots include a rural village in the constituency of the Secretary of State for the

Environment, John Gummer. The village of Sibton, near the Suffolk coast, has the highest recorded level of ozone polition in Britain, according to the Department of the Environment, which em-phasised that air pollution was

not just a city problem. Ozone comes from vehicle emissions reacting with sunlight. The worst urban spot in Britain, according to the Road in London.

damage done by pollution is enormous. Several thousand people die prematurely each year, and up to 20,000 are admitted to hospital. There are also "many thousands of in-stances of illness, reduced activity, distress and discomfort".

The costs of this ill health, along with damage to buildings, crops, wildlife and habitats is estimated to range from £5bn to buck to local authorities.

Local councils are being given new duties to monitor po lution and where the air quality standards are not being met, to set up Air Quality Management Areas. But it has not yet been decided what enforcement pow-

ers they will be given. Councils can, for instance, restrict the use of roads in their area during smogs to improve air quality. But the document makes clear that it does not expect them to do this, because it would usually make little difference. The traffic would divert on to other roads, and produce

just as much or more pollution The Government promises to consider allowing councils to tax non-residential car parking spaces and introduce schemes charging for road use. But ministers are far from convinced that such powers are needed, and no time has been set aside in the remaining legislative timetable before the election.

Ministers are also committed to produce regulations allowing local council staff to carry out road-side checks on vehicles suspected to be producing illegal

quantities of exhaust fumes. The National Society for Clean Air said the strategy would fail without increased taxation of vehicles which cause more than average pollution -and tax breaks for cleaner ones.

Labour dismissed the strategy as "too little, too late" and the Liberal Democrats accused Mr Gummer of passing the

# MIKE OLDFIELD VOYAGER



WOOLWORTHS

# Go-ahead for CS spray splits police chiefs coolutely feth

JASON BENNETTO whing - Awas Crime Correspondent

Two chief constables are refusing to arm their officers with CS spray because of the possible side-effects despite the announcement yesterday that forces throughout England and Wales have been given the goahead to carry the incapacitant.

The decision by police in Surrey and Hertfordshire not to introduce the French-made device will be seized upon by civil rights groups who have been it is a powerful deterrent. Five campaigning for more tests to people needed hospital treatbe carried out on the CS sprays.

But despite the reservations police chiefs in England and Wales yesterday declared a sixmonth trial involving 3,800 officers in 16 forces a success. Test sbowed that many officers were batons. Most of the 43 forces in England and Wales are expect-ed to start large-scale training surrey and Hertfordshire bave spray," be said.

and equipping staff with the spray by the end of the year, although several have yet to make up their minds.

During the first five months of the trials the band-held CS spray, which temporarily disables assailants by causing streaming eyes and noses, eye-lid spasms and breathing difficulties, was used 582 times. In about 10 per cent of the cases it had little or no effect. In a further 350 instances a spray was drawn but not fired, suggesting ment but no one suffered long term damage. Surveys found

strong support for the CS among police and the public. The decision to allow the na-tionwide use of CS, which was endorsed yesterday by Michael now using the spray rather than Howard, the Home Secretary. was called into question by at

expressed concern about the possible effects on officers and impocent bystanders, as well as contamination of clothing and vehicles which may affect people several hours after firing.

Peter Sharpe, Chief Consta-ble of Hertfordshire Police, said: "I'm keen to ensure that my officers are safe when they use it. There have been reports of officers receiving reddening and burning of the face after us-

ing the spray."
Surrey police are particularly worried about the propellant used in the spray, which they be-lieve is harmful. They are cur-

rently trying to develop an alternative CS spray. Piara Powar, of the Newham Monitoring Project in east London, attacked yesterday's decision and called for the spray to be banned. "Officers have consistently failed to follow their own guidelines on the use of the

#### news

### Three-billion-year-old Martians spotted in South Kensington

The Martians have landed... perhaps. The Natural History Museum in Londoo yesterday opened a two-month exhibitioo containing a fragment of rock from the meteorite that first led scientists to suggest that life may have developed on Mars billions of years ago writes Charles

Two weeks ago, a team from the US space agency Nasa an-nounced that they thought they had found traces of the remains of early cellular life in meteorite ALH 84001. The meteorite was knocked off Mars about three billioo years ago, and landed in Antarctica about 14,000BC.

The news led to a surge in en-quiries at the Natural History Museum, where researchers had earlier looked at pieces from the meteorite. They first ideotified the carbonate deposits which led the Nasa scientists to examine it in detail.

"We feel it's important that we communicate to visitors the work that goes oo behind the scenes," said a spokewoman for the museum yesterday. "This is, after all, a leading scieotific research institute.

The exhibition contains a fragment from ALH84001 displayed under a microscope connected to a video screen, and a fist-sized piece of another Martian meteorite discovered in Egypt earlier this century. Visitor oumbers at the museum have leapt by 50 per cent.



Close encounter: Cosmic mineralogist Dr Robert Hutchison spies the meteoric evidence at the Natural History Museum Photograph:Andrew Buurman

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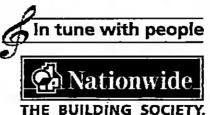
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# University labs 'left unsafe by cash cuts'

CHARLES ARTHUR

Drastic cots in universities' funding are turning their science laboratories into dangerous, antiquated places that do not give students the necessary ex-

perience to compete in indus-try, leading scientists say.

Despite a large increase in GCSE passes in science subjects announced yesterday, universities face a £400 million cut over the next three years in their grant for capital equipment, which is vital to keep labora-tories equipped and functioning. The result of the cut, which

represents a 30 per cent fall in funding, is likely to be lowerquality teaching and an exodus of science staff from higher edocation, said Sir Derek Roberts, provost of University College Loodon (UCL). If yoo starve a sheep, you doo't wonder whether you lose the mutton first or the wool. You lose the wbole animal."

Government claims that uni-versities could attract funding from industry, through schemes like the Private Finance Initiative, are also fallacious, Sir Derek said. They want to fund research, oot a oew worktop. They pay corporation tax, and they think, as do we, that the Government should properly fund the universities' infra-

structure to do research."
Professor David King, head
of chemistry at Cambridge University, said health and safety regulations were being ignored in laboratories all over Britain.

"I believe that much of the research going on in British chemistry departments today is very, very close to the booe in terms of health and safety," he told a

press briefing in London. "Much of it might well have to be closed down if investigations

Undergraduates' lack of practical experience, caused by equipment shortages on their courses, is already having a dramatic impact oo British industrial competitiveness, Sir Derek added. Unilever told me recently that if you get a grad-uate from Holland and oce from the UK, you can immedi-ately tell the difference between them when you put them in a lab. The Dutch one will be able to do useful work from day one because they've trained on the same sort of equipment dur-

ing their course. A survey by the University of Manchester concluded that universities needed an immediate funding rise of £474 million to bring their leading research laboratories up to contemporary standards.

The Department for Educa-tion said: It is up to the universities how they spend their bodgets. It is true that capital funding has been cut but it's because of the opportunities to get private finance."

The root of the problem, according to Sir Derek and a number of emineot academics, is that the Government wants to produce increasing numbers of scieoce graduates using the same or fewer staff on shrinking amounts of cash.

Peter Mobbs, deputy head of the physiology department at UCL, said "My laboratory has not had a major refurbishment in 25 years. I am sure that some of the procedures we carry out would be classed as unsafe if anybody ever came to

# Gnashing time of Trex revealed

**CHARLES ARTHUR** 

Just as in the film Jurassic Park. Tyrannosaurus rex could bite hard. A dispute between dinosaur experts has been resolved by scientists in California who have shown the 20-foot carnivore had jaws easily powerful enough to rip apart a struggling triceratops, for example.

For many, T rex is the epit-ome of the terrifying dinosaur, but some palaeontologists said its tiny arms meant it must bave scavenged rather than hunted. Others said its teeth and iaws did not look strong enough to tear apart a live victim.

But Gregory Erickson and colleagues at the University of California at Berkeley put the dinosaur's teeth to the test. They found the bones of a triceratops killed 70 million years ago by a tyrannosaur and made impressions of the tooth marks using dental putty, which they used to get casts of a T. rex tooth. They were serrated like the giant carnivore's, and

curved backwards.

were enough to finish off othbones were spongy and wasn't clear whether it took a stroog bite to do this," said Prof Erickson, whose work is published today in the Nature · : / · 🐧 🕏

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science journal. He found that a cow's polvis was similar in streogth and structure to a triceratops's, so he put one in a mechanical loading frame, made a model of the tyrannosaurus teeth and pushed them into the bone to the same depth as the indentations found

in the triceratops. The loader measured the stress required, which, Prof Er-ickson said, was very large. "It's more force than you see in any animal tested to date, which includes lions and sharks." But Prof Ericksoo said the findings still do not prove that T rex was a bold bunter as opposed to a craveo scaveoger. "f think what we need to do is find bite marks like when big cats like cougars attack prey. If you were to find bite marks on dinosaurs from T rex from some sort of a However, it was not immediately obvious whether those could say it was a predator."

#### DAILY POEM

Postcard from a Travel Snob

By Sophie Hannah

I do not wish that anyone were here. This place is not a holiday resort with karaoke nights and pints of beer for drunken tourist types - perish the thought.

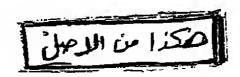
This is a peaceful place, untouched by man -not like your seaside-town-consumer-hell. I'm sleeping in a local farmer's van -it's great. There's not a guest house or hotel

within a hundred miles. Nobody speaks English (apart from me and rest assured, I'm not your sun-and-sangria-two-weeks small-minded-package-philistine-abroad).

When you're as multi-cultural as me, your friends become wine connoisseurs, not drunks. I'm not a British tourist in the sea; I am an anthropologist in trunks.

Sophie Hannah's sizzling first collection The Hero and the Girl New Door (Carcanet) was published last year to rave reviews.
It went to four editions and Hannah found herself lauded as the brightest young female poet of the decade, which is probably correct. Her second collection Hotels like Houses is published oext month.

Carcanet are still trying to rebuild their catalogue mailing lists in the wake of the Manchester bomb of 15 June which destroyed their Corn Exchange offices. If you were oo the mailing list and would like to be reinstated, you should telephooe





#### Froggy notion: Being squashed by a car doesn't have to be the end of the road, thanks to Peggy Atherton

# Encased in porcelain, her squashed hedgehogs live to fight another day

The British are great animal lovers. They treasure their collections of miniature ornaments; their mantelpieces are lined with china badgers. owls, foxes and weasels. Sadly the roads are all too often decorated with nothing but the carcasses of the real-

Peggy Atherton, a 27-year-old protest artist, feels that the number of "road-kills" flies in the face that any suggestion that we are fond of our furry friends. To ram home her point she turns the dead animals into

Her "ghostly nrnaments" which are "so much more beautiful", even when dead, than china equivalents will form part of the forthcoming anti-car exhibition to be held at Newbury, Berkshire.

Art Bypass: Road Works, which takes place this Sunday on a milelong stretch of unspoilt farmland adjacent to the proposed Newbury bypass route, is designed in highlight the destructiveness of the car.

Miss Atherton, a Bath College of Higher Education graduate, scrapes off the road any animal that she finds has been run over - be it a squashed frog, sparrow or hedgehog, or somelarger like a fox or badger – and takes it back to her north London studio, where she dips it in porcelain and fires it in her kiln at 900C. Any flesh, feathers or fur hurns to ash and the ceramic retains the perfect shape of

Cast in the positions in which they died, some of the animals are too

mangled to recognise. "I get really upset," said Miss Athertnn. "I find it really tragic, especially when I find owls and badgers and hedgehogs. They just dnn't bring any grief to anyone yet they seem in be killed constantly on the road because of careless driving. I've never actually seen an owl nr bad-

r alive. I feet really sickened and it drives me on." She has cremated more than 100 animals since she started peeling her subjects off the road two years agn. She said: "I was driving down the countryside nne day and saw so many animals and thought I want in do something for them'. I'm trying to give them their last rites. I suppose

it's like a tomb. I was trying in think of a way nf giving them a ceremony and linked it with the idea of nrnamentation in the home. We have animals as armaments but we treat the live ones with such little respect and don't really think anything of their environment."

Before her present exhibition at The Cut Gallery in London, Miss Atherton would always return the ceramic animals to the place where she found them. "It was my own little protest," she said. "I wanted in capture the moment of the 'road kill'. I wanted the person who ran them over to drive back along the same road and see the animal on the road. It's like a memory which will prick peo-

weasel for £350 and a blackbird for £300 to a couple from London. "They just they were so beautiful," she said. "Rather than having a fake animal they wanted to have the real thing. They wanted people in think 'It's a road kill' every time they saw

An Bupass, organised by Friends of the Earth and the Life Arts Research Centre the University of Brightnn, plans to include sculpture, performance, land art and film which will provide "An interactive jnurney through a virtual motorway experience". Christo and Jeanne Claude. world famous for wrapping up landscapes and landmarks such as the Reichstag and the Sydney coastline, are among the participating artists. Their wrapped Volve 122-S Sport Sedan will form part of the show.

A Friends of the Earth spokesman said: "Art Bypass asks fundamental questions about our relationship with the motor car. By staging this significant arts event adjacent to the bypass route at Newbury we hope in explare whether wider audience the reality of what nine miles of motorway will mean to this landscape."

Meanwhile, Miss Atherton cannot see an end in sight. She does not think she will ever be able to stop cremating animals. She keeps finding them on the road and is riddled with guilt if she ignnres them. "It's taken over. It's quite strange, if I don't pick them up I feel like I haven't given

### Lottery cash gives the disabled a role in arts

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The Arts Council has launched an apprenticeship scheme for disabled people who want to work in the arts, following the discovery that 0.02 per cent of the 500,000 people employed in the subsidised arts have a disability compared with 14.2 per cent in society generally.

within arts organisations has to click that disabled people are been caused by the availability potential aidiences.

of National Lottery funding In return for lottery money, for capital projects and the strings which have been at-

tached to it. Pressure groups are hailing a new era which will at last recognise disability among both audiences and arts workers. They say the policy has gained more for disabled arts enthusiasts in 18 months than has been achieved over a decade of traditional lobbying and campaigning. Organisations applyng for lottery money are simply being turned away unless they

guarantee their new projects will be fully accessible to the dis-

completely transforming ac-cessibility in the arts for disabled people," said Geoff Armstrong, director of the National Disability Arts Forum. "We have been fighting for this for 10 years and now the doors are

In return for lottery money, nearly 800 arts bodies have agreed to introduce facilities for the disabled, ranging from wheelchair lifts and ramps on new touring minibuses to big alterations to existing huildings.

When the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (Rada) has been refurbished with its recently approved £22m grant, it will be the first major art school in the country with total accessibility.

The Royal Northern Col-lege of Music in Mauchester has been given £84,000 to fund a getting myalgic encephalitis.

study into how it can follow fully accessible to the dis-led. Rada's example, while £64m will equip the Lowry Centre at Sal-These developments are ford with a fully accessible theatre and art galleries. Oth-er projects include the Harbour Lights Cinema in Southampton (£374,000), Oxford Playhouse (£2.5 m), the Grizedale Society Sculpture Park in Cumbria (£391,000) and a library in

"The progress we have made in a very short time has been amazing," said Patrick Mase-field, the only disabled member of the council's National Lottery

"We recognised that disabled people might want to work in the arts as a theatre director, a technician or a typist and that they should not be prevented from doing so."

Mr Masefield understands this concept: he was a theatre director, playwright and consultant for 21 years until he be-came a wheelchair user after



What do Peter Mackay, Mohamed Al Fayed and Mr Punch have in common? Peter Conrad on heritage as caricature

Making up the numbers ... David Foster Wallace on the secret lives of the also-rans of the professional tennis circuit

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# The young face of Channel 5 applies old soap

The new station aims to be both streetwise and friendly. But its viewers can expect little originality

MARIANNE MACDONALD Media Correspondent

As Channel 5's first advertising campaign — with its streetwise "Give Me 5" logo — begins, its forgiven for wondering what ex-actly it will offer when it goes on air in the New Year.

With less than five months before lift-off, Britain's newest terrestrial channel refuses to release up-to-date program-ming details, for fear of handing ammunition to its rivals. Unlike Channel 4, Channel 5

has no mandate to serve minorities and no moral highground to occupy. It is there purely to make money for its shareholders - Pearson, MAI and CLT - the Treasury and advertisers, who have long com-plained about ITV's high rates. This means that its viewers

cao expect a derivative and downmarket mix of drama and children's, leisure, educational and daytime programming when the channel goes on air on 1 January — if, of course, it manages to re-tune the nation's video recorders in time. 1ts licence applicatioo made

it clear that the emphasis would be on low-cost television, entertainingly presented. This is because it has a programme budget of £110m a year, compared to ITV's £600m.

One innovation it is considering is using presenters for programme links. "Our Channel 5 will not be faceless," its bid document said, "Other channels talk to viewers between pro-



Keeping them guessing: Dawn Airey, director of programming, is giving away little on what Channel 5 will show. It aims to be the 'modern mainstream' alternative to ITV

disembodied voices and rapid graphic displays. Instead we throughout the day.

will show a human face This approach will be echoed

public rather than talk at them as the BBC has been perceived to do in the past.

grammes through a series of in other ways, Accessibility is form a major part of the new

key, with efforts to involve the channel's pitch. Gardening, wine, consumer and cookery a channel which is seeking to po-Leisure programmes will sition itself as the "modern mainstream" alternative, more

aligned to contemporary living than ITV.

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Dawn Airey, Channel 5's youthful director of programming - formerly head of children's and daytime at ITV, and

But the public can look for-

gaps. Channel 5 has already seentertainment and arts at Chancured rights to the slick Amernel 4 - can promise only a 60:40 ican teen soaps Beverly Hills 90210 and Melrose Place. ratio in favour of original pro-Other re-runs which might be

Yes, Safeway

has its own

ward to glossy re-runs to fill the offered are Minder, Edward

and Mrs Simpson. Capital City, Tales of the Unexpected, Rumpole of the Bailey, The

Rumpole of the Battey. The Sweeney and Hazell.
Corinno Hollingworth, whose credits include East-Enders and Casualty. not to mention the disastrous Eldorado, is producing a fivenights-a-week soap to go out at 6.30pm in her role as drama controller. This will be aimed primarily at a young adult audience.

The tone will be relentlessly light. Cartoons are likely to be scheduled at hreakfast time. leisure and lifestyle programmes before lunch and a daily magazine programme on weekday afternoons.

There will be some kind of

It has no mandate to serve minorities or take moral high ground. It is purely

to make money

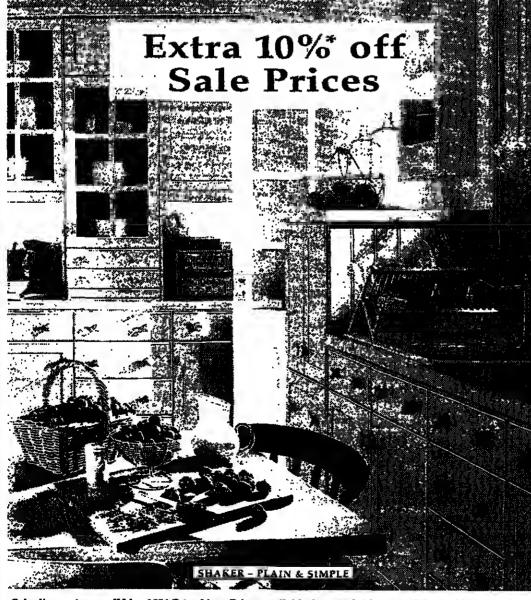
entertainment and talk show featuring a band, while early plans included a documeotary. Your Report, to follow members of the public investigating a topic of their choice.

News, to be produced by ITN - which is currently recruiting reporters and producers - will have a European flavour and go out be-tween 8pm and 9pm. This will allow the screening of a move at 9pm five nights a week, to woo viewers from ITV's News at Ten, o weak point in that chancel's scheduling.

Channel 5 will not have the money to compete in the bidding wars for major sports rights. Instead it will concentrate oo "minority" sports and promises programmes on sailing, tennis, boxing, golf and snooker as well as late-night live sport from America.

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Magnet Food for thought

bananas **HELEN NOWICKA** It might look like a piece of fruit, but to Britain's third largest supermarket chain the banana is a

powerful weapon in the ongoing battle for high street supremacy.

Safeway has become the first British retailer to sell ownbrand bananas and claims the move will mean a better deal for consumers. The own-label fruit, distinguished by a red Safeway sticker on each bunch, went on sale this week at one-third of the company's 371 shops, signalling the start of supermarket banana

Despite their place in comic songs and slapstick gags, ba-nanas are hig business. The fruit is the largest selling line by volume in Britain's supermarkets with the total market worth around £600m a year. Justin Farrington-Smith, a

Safeway buying controller, said that introducing own-brand ba-nanas allowed the store greater control over its produce and would give customers a guar-antee of quality.
"Our bananas have to be

between 15 and 21cm long and ripen to a very specific yellow," he said. "Having our own label on them means they have to come up to our specifications, they can't be sold off elsewhere if we don't want them, and that means the supplier has to meet our standards."

Safeway already sells other own-hrand fresh produce including apples and kiwi fruits. The latest deal took 16 months to finalise, largely because of the complex quota arrangements governing banana imports. Former Caribbean colonies

bave a protected share of the European Union market under a deal designed to protect jobs on islands where half the population can work in the banana Supplies of Latin American

bananas, grown on massive plantations and said to be larger and sweeter, as well as cheaper, are limited despite pressure from Germany and the United States to relax the restrictions. Safeway's bananas are sup-

plied from Equador by the farming giant Naboa and will be sold alongside branded bunches from Fyffe's and Geest at the same price of 39p per pound. The variety of banana, the Cavendish, is already widely

Yesterday, Sainsbury, Tesco and Waitrose all said that they had no plans to follow Safeway's example. But at a time wheo supermarkets are fighting bard to increase their market share through saver cards and high-



profile advertising campaigns, city analysts say Safeway's decision will help bolster its pro-

One said: "Food retailing is one of the most competitive markets in the UK, there are good-quality companies chasing after a static market. This is a shrewd move for Safeway, they are in a win-win situation because it has an impact on the public and own labels cut out at least one middleman so they are 23 years - to three years. A more profitable."

. However, a spokesman for the Food Commission questioned how much the change would benefit shoppers. "The British think a hanana is a banana, we don't get to see the different varieties in the supermarkets so consumer choice is quite limited."

#### Backdoor tax rises. attacked

ANTHONY BEVINS Political Editor

The disabled and small businesses are being hit by backdoor tax increases in advance of November's "tax-cutting" Budget, the Liberal Democrats said yesterday.

Maicoim Bruce, the Treasury spokesman to the Commons, said the Chancellor already had tax rises of £2.5bo in the pipeline - almost enough to finance the expected twopenny cut in the basic rate of income tax, to 22p in the pound. One of the devices being

used to fill the "black hole" in Kenneth Clarke's Budget arithmetic was value-added tax. Mr Bruce said that VAT exemption had recently been removed from "a wide range of products designed solely for the use of the disabled, including airpurification products, vacuum

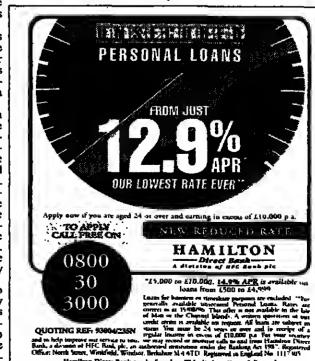
cleaners and other allergy-relief

goods, which will oow be stan-dard rated at 17.5 per cent". VAT zero-rating was also being removed from supplies of incontinence goods to National Health Service or non-charitahle nursing home patients.
But the operation extended to a proposal, which quietly took effect last mooth, to restrict the level of claims for the repayment of wrongly-paid VAT from

spokeswoman for Customs and

Excise said yesterday that it was merely trying to "protect" the larger interests of the taxpayer

- the Exchequer - from openended repayments. Mr Bruce said there were also pending rises of 5 per cent in road fuel duty, 3 per cent in to-bacco duty and in council taxes





US jail brutality: 'Cockfights' and shootings investigated by FBI

# Staged fights, betting guards, gunfire and death for the gladiators

TIM CORNWELL

Violent inmates at California's top maximum-security jail were paired off in staged fights as watching prison guards het on the outcomes, the Los Angeles Times reported yesterday."

In some cases prisoners who refused to stop fighting were shot to death. In a ritual that became known as "gladiator days", known enemies at Corcoran State Prison were released from their cells and paired off like fighting cocks in empty prison yards.
The fights became such events

that officers of other units were called as spectators. The chief witnesses to the brutality at Corcoran, budt in 1988 as a hightech security jad and whose 5,500 inmates include the cult leader and murderer Charles Manson and Robert Kennedy's assassin Sirhan Sirhan, were a group of prison officers who went to the FBI, the newspaper said. Agents of the FBI have been gathering evidence for about a year and a grand jury is investigating the shootings to see if a prosecution can be brought.

The worst abuses were said to occur under the tenure of warden George Smith, who retired last July and was dubbed "Mushroom George" because "mushrooms like to be kept in the dark", one guard said. Mr Smith kept a picture of John trol booths overlooking Wayne in his office to project a tough image, and turned a blind vance of fights, which were eye to his subordinates tactics, sometimes delayed so that fe-Over a period of eight years seven immates were shot dead at Corcoran, five in the 18 months after Mr Smith took over. More than 50 have been wounded. more than in any other prison in the United States.Gunfire rang out almost every day, and shootings were covered up, of-

Joaquin Valley, come against a vals together at close quarters drumbeat of demands for in the hope that they would ugher treatment of prisoners in US jails. Most recently Senator Bob Dole, in his speech accepting the Republican Party's nomination, promised to make

life "hell" for violent criminals. Guards and inmates described macabre scenes in which prison officers gathered in con-



learn to live and let live. The

policy was widely derided as a

loser that forced inmates into

fights and left officers with

split-second decisions about

life or death, and it bas now

Housing Unit (SHU), reserved

But at Corcoran's Security

been rescinded.

Inmates: Charles Manson, left, and Sirhan Sirhan

'There was money riding on me. I was even thanked by officers for making them a bit richer'

статреd exercise yards in admale guards and even prison secretaries could be present. The officers were armed with gas guns that fired wooden blocks and rifles.

The excuse for pairing off prisoners, often the members of rival black and Latino gaogs who exercise powerful control over the inmates, was an offi-The revolutions from the cial policy of "integration". It prison, built in California's San mandated bringing long-time ri-

for 1.800 problem inmates sent from other prisons, it was allegedly perverted into a system of staged brawls. Dimas de Leon, an SHU inmate from 1988 to 1990, claimed to have been involved in 11 staged fights in which his boxing skills made him a favourite.

"I was made aware by officers that there was money riding on me to win," he said in an affidavit. "I was even thanked by officers for making them a bit richer." But it was the killing of Preston Tate, a 25-year-old gang

member from South Central Los Angeles, that persuaded tle blowers. He died in April 1994 after officers opened fire in a section of the SHU known as the "shooting gallery".

A videotape which is now the basis of a law suit filed by his family, showed Tate, who was black, being charged by two Latino gang members and eventually being shot in the head as guards opened fire to break un the fight. An official report cleared the officers of wrongdoing. But Steve Rigg, a Corcoran lieutenant for six years and one of those co-operating with the FBI in a civil rights in-vestigation into the incident, became coovinced the light was rigged. Tate had recently been moved into a cell adjacent to his assailants, and in another telltale sign a number of supervisors had gathered in the control booth. It was the second watch in the same building that is suspected of staging a series of cockfights".

In eight mooths in 1994, 85 fights broke out in the period from 6am to 2pm, by contrast with just eight fights in the third watch, overseen by Mr Rigg. "They wanted to create fights," he said. "I think they liked shooting at some of the troublemakers. They wanted to get their little ounce of

In other incidents at Corcoran, a group of officers dubbed "the Sharks" organised reception parties for bus loads of arriving prisoners who were pummelled and kicked. After an internal investigation, three senior officers were fired and five other lieutenants and sergeants were demoted or suspended. While a grand jury is investigating other incidents, the failings of the integration policy may help to protect officers from any criminal inves tigation, prosecutors say.



Good felinws: Archbishnp Desmond Tutu shares a joke with the Dalai Lama after their meeting in Cape Town yesterday, during the Buddhist leader's first visit to South Africa

Photograph: Reuter

# Marines' tour of Haiti is 'time!

Latin America Correspondent

A group of 50 US marines was due in Haiti last night after two days of violence raised fears of an all-out street war between pro-government democratic forces and the old guard of the

ousted Duvalier dictatorship. The marines had been scheduled to arrive for a training exercise but US Defense Department officials unted that they would be prepared to protect the US embassy in the capital, Port-au-Prince, and to defend on-combat army engineers milding roads in the country.

"We certainly don't go down there in any kind of provocative way," said Capt. Mike Donbleday, a Defeose Department

spokesman. "On the other hand, I don't think there's any reason for the marines to be shy about the fact that they have a capability." He was referring to the fact that crack troops of the army's 82nd Airborne Division were in Baiti recently on a similar "training exercise" also

in the wake of unrest. Some US officials in Haiti said they feared further trouble this week if anti-government forces tried to embarrass President Bill Clinton in the ren-up to next week's US Democratic Party Convention in Chicago.

US combat forces, after intervening in restore nusted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in 1994, pulled oot earlier placed by non-American UN

soldiers, from Canada, Pakistan and Bangladesh. Around 200 non-combat American troops stayed on to help with reconstruction and medical services.

The latest violence appears

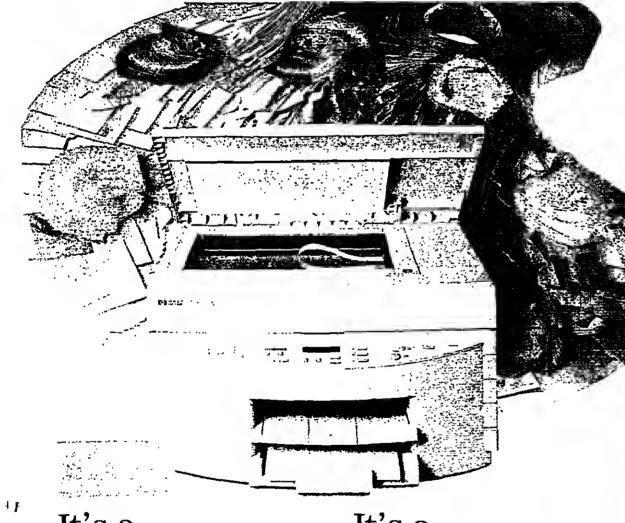
to have been sparked by the arrests of 20 former military officers last Saturday in the offices of the right-wing, promilitary, anti-government Mobilisation for National Development (MDN) party. According to police sources, they had been plotting an attack on Port-au-Prince's presidential palace. where Mr Aristide's successor,

René Preval, lives and works. The army, traditionally linked with the long Duvalier dictatorship, was disbanded by Mr Aristide last year and replaced by a new internationally-train-

ed police force, leaving many former officers disgruntled. Many fear the old military leadership will resurface when

UN troops leave in November. In the small hours of Monday, apparently reacting to Saturday's arrests, two dozen men in military fatigues fired automatic weapons and grenades at the central police station where the ex-officers were being detained. A bystander was killed and two policemen were wounded before UN forces arrived in armoured cars and belicopters.

After the shooting, a warrant was issued for the arrest of MDN leader and long-time Duvalieriest Hubert de Ronceray, who disappeared while the Itt at his headquarters.



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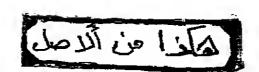
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# Grozny flees before the gathering storm

ALKHAN-YURT - For the confused and frightened people of Grozny, the Russian assault promised for today seemed to

begin 24 hours early.
Refugees fled under gun and aircraft fire yesterday morning, trailing out of the mud track leading south-west from the city, the thud of heavy artillery pounding behind them.

"Planes bombed this morning at 7am. They hit a two-storey building near us," said Amanat Besultanova sitting by the road in the village of Alkhan-Yurt oo the south-west edge of the city. "When that happened, we left

She, like many other refugees hurrying to leave the city before the Russian deadline expired last oight, was trapped overnight when troops opeoed fire, killing at least two people and wounding half a dozeo

Mrs Besultanova was waiting for her husband who was following on foot, arrious that the stream of refugees had suddenly slowed to a trickle.

Further along the road where gunfire could be heard, Zura Labazanova, 43, was walking out, in a cotton dress and plastic shoes and carrying a bottle of water in a plastic bag and little else. "We were coming out just oow when they shot at us

The assault began early, reports Carlotta Gall. Whether they leave or stay, Chechen people risk death

from the woods," she said. 30 rockets on the city centre "One man was wounded in the in as many seconds. hand - everyone was running. Whether men or women, they

do not care who they shoot."
Two casualties from Tuesday, a man and a woman, lay in the village mosque, their belongings, shot through and staiced with blood, piled in a corner. Both were shot dead wheo

soldiers blocked the road with two armoured vehicles and fired into the woods at the fleeing refugees.

There, Musa Alikhadzhiyev said he had come to find his cousin, one of the dead who had

beeo escorting his family from the city wheo the soldiers opeoed fire. Mr Alikhadzhiyev had already found the body of his 12-year-old niece, and traced five others of the fami-ly who were wounded and now in the hospital, he said.

"They are not fighting," he said of the Russian troops. They are preying oo simple

As he spoke, a Grad mul-

the distance, releasing some

Tens of thousands of people

remained trapped in the city, according to the International Committee of the Red Cross. "There are many Russians with children who are staying. I said to them to come but they were too scared," said another refugee, Dubi Labazanov, who drove out with his wife. "You risk your life by staying and you

risk your life by leaving."
Even outside Grozny
refugees were not safe. Some
who took refuge in the village of Kulary came under bombardmeot oo Mooday night when a jet released its load, wiping out several buildings, killing two as they slept and wounding several more.

Russian troops meanwhile were moving into positioo closer around the edge of the city. Tanks and armoured vehicles were ranged in the fields and

hills south of the city. Soldiers manned newly dug hunkers in the woods to the tiple rocket launcher roared in south, guarding the escape route used by Chechen fighters

tense, one shouting boarsely for a lone car to stop, his eyes wide with alarm.

Earlier, a colonel flagged down a civilian car for help for a wounded Russian woman, demanding the civilians escort the armoured vehicle to a hospital. The soldiers treating the woman, holding a plasma drip, were clearly fearful of driving alone into the nearest Chechen

A small column of armoured vehicles moving towards Russian positions on the south of the city stopped to buy cigarettes and soft drinks by the road. "We will storm the city," one said, his eyes bright against the grime of his face. Another said: "We will take it and loot everything." Last night, meanwhile, in the village of Novy Aragi, south

of Grozny, the Chechen chief of staff, Aslan Maskhadov, prepared to receive General Alexander Lebed, the Russian security chief, in a last-ditch attempt to avert a full-scale Russian assault on Grozny. Russian soldiers at a oearby checkpoint said they were expecting him but appeared far more relaxed than

their counterparts near Grozny.
At 8.20pm helicopters circled the post, heralding the arrival of Mr Lebed on his mission of



The rites of battle: In a cellar in Grozny, Chechen soldiers pray as they await the Russian forces

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# De Klerk 'sorry' for apartheid era

MARY BRAID Cape Town

FW de Klerk, the former South African president and leader of the party which inveoted apartheid, yesterday offered an historic official apology. But as souries go, it was heavy with qualification and defiance.

At a special hearing of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Mr de Klerk, on behalf of the National Party, accepted responsibility for the conditions which allowed the atrocities of the apartheid years to take place. For that he was "genuinely" remorseful.

the countless murders and pogovernment had never autho- . the government did adopt "unrised its security forces to comunt murder, torture, rape, assassination or assault, he said.

The loog-awaited submission sparked cheers of "viva de taken by Cabinet, the State Se-Klerk" from the hall in Cape Town, packed with NP supporters, including many Cape coloureds. It did nothing to pla-

cate the small ANC demonstration outside, brandishing placards asking "How many did you murder, PW Botha?" What de Klerk says is not

coough," said one demonstra-tor. "We want to know how many died. How many did the government kill?"

There is little hope of an answer from former President Botha. He has retired to a place called Wilderness and apparently does not recognise the commission. In his submission, Mr de Klerk said he had made serious attempts to get Mr Botha to co-operate with the NP submission but he had refused. But he passed the buck for It seems unlikely that he will be

forced to give evidence. conventional strategies" for dealing with "revolutionary forces". But he said: "I have never been part of any decision curity Council or any committee authorising or instructung the commission of such gross violations of human rights."

#### SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

political activists detained by the Indonesian authorities in the aftermath of last month's riots have beeo tortured in custody, according to Amnesty.

International and other human rights organisations. The police and armed forces claim that 123 people are being held in connection with the pro-democracy riots on 27 July and the police raid early that morning on the offices of the Indonesian Democratic Party (PDI). Particularly at risk. according to groups monitoring the situation, are those held by the armed forces rather than by the police, as the authorities pursue a campaign of arrests against political opposents whom they accuse of plotting a communist coup against President Suharto. Richard Lloyd Parry - Johanta

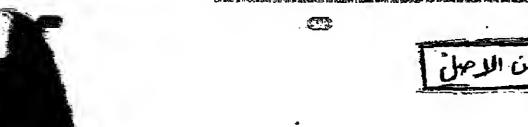
The Palestinian President, Yasser Arafat, yesterday rejected any link between an Israeli troop redeployment in the West Bank city of Hebron, and the stopping of PLO activity in Arah East Jerusalem. Israel said on Tuesday it would not redeploy the troops notil the Palestinian Authority closed PLO offices in Jerusalem. "[The Israeli Prime Minister] has to abide by what was agreed on." Mr Arafat said in Tunis. Under a peace accord with the PLO, Israel was due to have redeployed its troops by the end of March in Hebron, the last major Arab West Bank city still under Israeli control. Israel delayed the redeployment in Hebron after Muslim militants killed 59 people in Israel in suicide bombings in February and March. Reuter - Tunis

an American Airways could be taking to the skies again. The US Transportation Department concluded the airline is "fit, willing and able" to resume service, and invited outside parties to specify within 15 days any reason the airline should be denied a certificate to operate. The department can expect to hear from families of those who died in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerble, Scotland, in 1988, who oppose the plan. Managers insist that the new airline will stress safety. AP - Washington

The tobacco industry has been taken to court by Michigan, the 13th state in the US to sue the industry, in a lawsuit seeking \$14bn (£9bn) in damages from major tobacco firms and their wholesalers. Reuter - Lansing

Dresden's Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady) hosted its first service, with the inauguration of its restored crypt, since it was destroyed in a Second World War bombing raid, by British and US air forces on 13 February 1945, which killed some 35,000 civilians. Reuter - Dresden

Aficia Machado, the reigning Miss Universe, was in hiding as officials denied they had ordered her to lose 27lbs in two weeks or risk losing her crown. People close to her said she had succumbed to a passion for pasta and



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# Iran 'supplying arms to fuel Kurdish civil war'

PATRICK COCKBURN

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The civil war between the two main Kurdish parties in Iraqi Kurdistan has resumed, with Iran allegedly lending heavy artillery support to one faction. The fighting started at the weekend, with each side fielding about 30,000 men.
The outcome of the confict

will be watched with intense inlerest by neighbouring govern-ments in Turkey, Iran, Syria and Iraq, which, together with the US, have fought for influence in the Kurdich in the Kurdish mountains since the Gulf war in 1991.

Hoshyar Zebari, a leader of the Kurdistan Democratic Party. said yesterday: "Iranian forces have started intensive artillery bombardment of our positions and are using helicopters to ferry troops behind us."

Both sides agree that clashes are more intense than at any fighting, Dr Latif Rashid, a

time since 1994, when the KDP and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan effectively divided Kurdistan hetween them. Mr Zebari said his party had been forced to abandon one position under intense Iranian artillery attack after losing 25 dead and 75 wounded.

There are no independent accounts of the fighting. Some Kurds who belong to neither party confirm the intensity of the bombardment, but thought it possible that Iran had pro-vided the PUK with heavy guns. The KDP says it has intercepted radio conversations between

the PUK and Iranian artillery. The heaviest fighting is for control of the vital Hamilton Road, huilt during the British occupation of Iraq, which runs though Kurdistan towards the Iranian border. Giving a dif-ferent account of the start of the

spokesman for the PUK, denied its Gulf war allies. The US still which is that it is the main play that his party was receiving provides air cover for the three-er in northern Iraq. Turkey has Iranian support and said the latest fighting started when "some 500 to 600 men m a KDP unit

defected to us last week".

The PUK, which controls south and east Kurdistan, is attacking key positions of the KDP who hold north and west Kurdistan. Mr Zebari says: "It is the heartland of our support." He said he was confident that his party, led by Massud Barzani, could hold its ground, but not if the PUK was "backed by howitzers and Katyusha rocketlaunchers provided by Iran".

Since the Kurdish civil war started two years ago, Iran has increased its influence in the region and is probably backing the PUK in its offensive. This is the continuation of Iranian policy of alternately backing both par-ties in Kurdistan and seeking to limit the influence of the US and million Kurds in north-east Iraq to prevent the return of Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi

Despite the continuation of Operation Provide Comfort", US interest in Kurdistan has been intermittent. This week's fighting has pre-empted a fresh US mediation effort, but past at-tempts to get the KDP and the PUK to agree have failed. Both Turkey and Iran consider they have the right to send in troops in pusuit of their own Kurdish rebels. In July, Iran sent troops far into Kurdistan with the ap-parent agreement of the PUK. KDP leaders now say they are

being punished by Iran for refusing to co-operate in the raid. Kamran Karadaghi, a com-mentator on Kurdish affairs, says: "The Iranians are sending a message to the US and Turkey

er in northern Iraq." Turkey has so far reacted mutely to the fighting, fuelling speculation that improved relations heween Ankara and Tehran following the visit of Necmettin Erbakan, the Turkish prime minister, to Iran may have made Turkey more tolerant to-

For its part, the PUK, ted by Jalal al-Talabani, accuses Mr Barzani of looking for support from Baghdad, alleging his troops have received armoured cars from Iraq. There is prob-ably some truth in this, since all the Kurdish parties maintain links with neighbouring countries which pay intense interest in their affairs. But any real improvement in the relations between the KDP and Baghdad is likely to be vetoed, for wholly different, reasons by Iran and





# Erbakan looks east to build tiger economy

HUGH POPE Istanbul

Not even pro-Western Turks know quite what to make of the new eastward-looking foreign policy of their first pro-Islamic Prime Minister, Necmettin Erbakan.

Some call it a tragi-comic charade. Others say it is as if the big-mouthed man in the coffeehouse who says: "If I were prime minister, brother, I'd stick it to them like this" had

suddenly come to power. But some academics and ed-itors argue that Mr Erbakan, the once fiery Islamist, is now acting as a statesman and is playing Turkey's few cards to good advantage. Even hostile commentators are lending grudging support to a Turkish policy that

has more "personality".
"Turkey behaved as if it had forgotten the word no to America in the last few years. This charity has always brought us losses," wrote Gungor Mengi in the popular daily, Sabah, while maintaining a healthy suspicion about the maverick Mr Erhaken's integrity.

Turkey's diplomatic mandarins are probably correct to maintain that whatever the novelties of Mr Erbakan's style, the basic foreign policy of this increasingly pluralistic nation of 65 millioo people has not changed and cannot change under the weak Islamist-conservative coalition government.

But Turkey's foreign min-istry was disconcertingly left out of Mr Erbakao's loop as he set a new series of priorities that Turkey's European and American partners in Nato are struggling to come to terms with.

Since coming to power in July, he has sent ministers to Iraq, party officials to Syria and is just back from a 10-day tour with a large party of ministers, busioessmeo and journalists to Iran, Pakistan, Singa-

pore, Malaysia and Indonesia. Most controversially, Mr Erakan signed a 23-year, \$230n deal with neighbouring Iran to buy up to 10 hillion cubic metres of gas a year from Iran and Turkmenistan by 2002. On his return to Ankara, he strongly defended the deal, "What could be more natural than us getting cheap, ahundant natural gas

from right next door," he asked. There followed a sudden increase in Turkish pressure to rehabilitate its rich pre-Gulf war trading relacionship with Iraq. another Western pariah. Protocols signed in Baghdad foresaw greater cross-border trade. pressure on the United Nations Photograph: Reuter | to allow Jordanian-style com-

mercial privileges for Turkey and another gas pipeline to bring 10 hillion cubic metres of

gas to Turkey each year. Nor has Libya been forgotten. One of Mr Erbakan's ministers says that because of a "disagreement on prices", a project to sell fresh water to lsraci from a Turkish Mediterrancan river has been diverted towards the parched north African state.

Turkey's flirtation with redrag names like Iran, Iraq and Libya is almost calculated to stir up bull-like feelings in the US.

The Iranian deal, coming only a week after President Bill Clinton signed a law endorsing sanctions against investors in Iran and Libya whose deals are worth more than \$40m. So far, American officials only say they are "studying" the Turkey-Iran deal, but they have voiced opposition to any commerce with what Washington calls rogue regimes.

Since Tchran apparently dropped its long-standing demand that Turkey finance the Iranian section of any new gas pipeline, Ankara has argued that buying gas from tran is simply trade, not investment.

Nowadays Mr Erbakan also speaks warmly of America and he has defended the key components of Turkey's pro-Western economic and military alliances. He has also backed away from promises to cancel a keynote military training agreement with Israel, and seems likely to go ahead with an agreement to refurbish Israel's F-4 Phantom warplanes.

Following Mr Erbakan's lead, Tansu Ciller, his coalition partner and Foreign Minister, has defended what she calls a "multi-dimensional foreign policy" to make Turkey a "bridge between West and East".

Reporters travelling with Mr Erbakan's party say his true Islamic model state is based on the South-East Asian Tigers of Malaysia and Indonesia. Not unnaturally, he wants lurkey i have a stake in the burgeoning Pacific rim economy.

■ Tchran (Reuter) — Iran says it has signed a \$1.2bn deal to build a joint oil refinery in Pakistan, working around US attempts to choke its oil industry. Tehran radio said the deal was signed in Islamahad by Iran's Oil Minister, Gholamreza Aghazadeh, and Pakistan's Production Minister, Mohammad Asghar. The report said the two countries would invest jointly in the construction of the 120,000barrels-per-day refinery in Pakistan's south-western Baluchi-

### UN sends Bosnia 'free and fair' election warning

CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY

The UN warned yesterday of "dire consequences" for forthcoming elections in Bosnia if election guidelines agreed by Bosnia's interior ministers are not followed. The Sarajevo spokesman, Alex Ivanko, detailed two cases of serious intimidation and harassmeot which, if not put right, could mean the 14 September elections would not be considered 'free and fair".

Many commentators in Sarajevo believe the elections ought to be postponed, and that the US government is bulldozing ahead with them for its own political purposes.

If they were postponed, the peace implementation force, 1-For, could not start withdrawing, as planned, oo 20 December. This would prejudice President Bill Clinton's chances in the American elections in November.

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Mr Ivanko said he was "very concerned" by the systematic intimidation of voters and candidates in the mainly Muslim Bihac area, in the north-west, where hand grenades had been thrown at the houses of local opposition party members. He had received allegations that local police were involved in intimidating the opposition. The ruling party in the area is the

hard-line Muslim SDA. The region earlier was the scene of fierce fighting between the Bosnian Muslim government and breakaway Muslims led by a renegade businessman, Fikret Abdic. People perceived to be Abdic supporters have been intimidated, as have supporters of other opposition parties.

The other area where Mr Ivanko warned "free and fair" elections appear impossible is Testic, 30 miles east of Banja Luka in the Serb-controlled entity of Bosnia, known as Republika Srpska. Here, the rul-ing party is the SDS, the extreme nationalists Serbian party, to which the indicted war crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic belongs.

Mr Ivanko said a factory owner had been forced out of his job and other supporters of the opposition Socialist party had been harassed, as had members of the Democratic Patriotic Bloc, the more moderate Serbian party. There had also been reports of unauthorised "special police" forces appearing in the Serbian areas, which did not appear to report

to any recognised authority. Mr Ivanko said the UN was investigating. However, the US seems determined to push ahead with the elections.

If no gross interference can be proved, the election results will stand.



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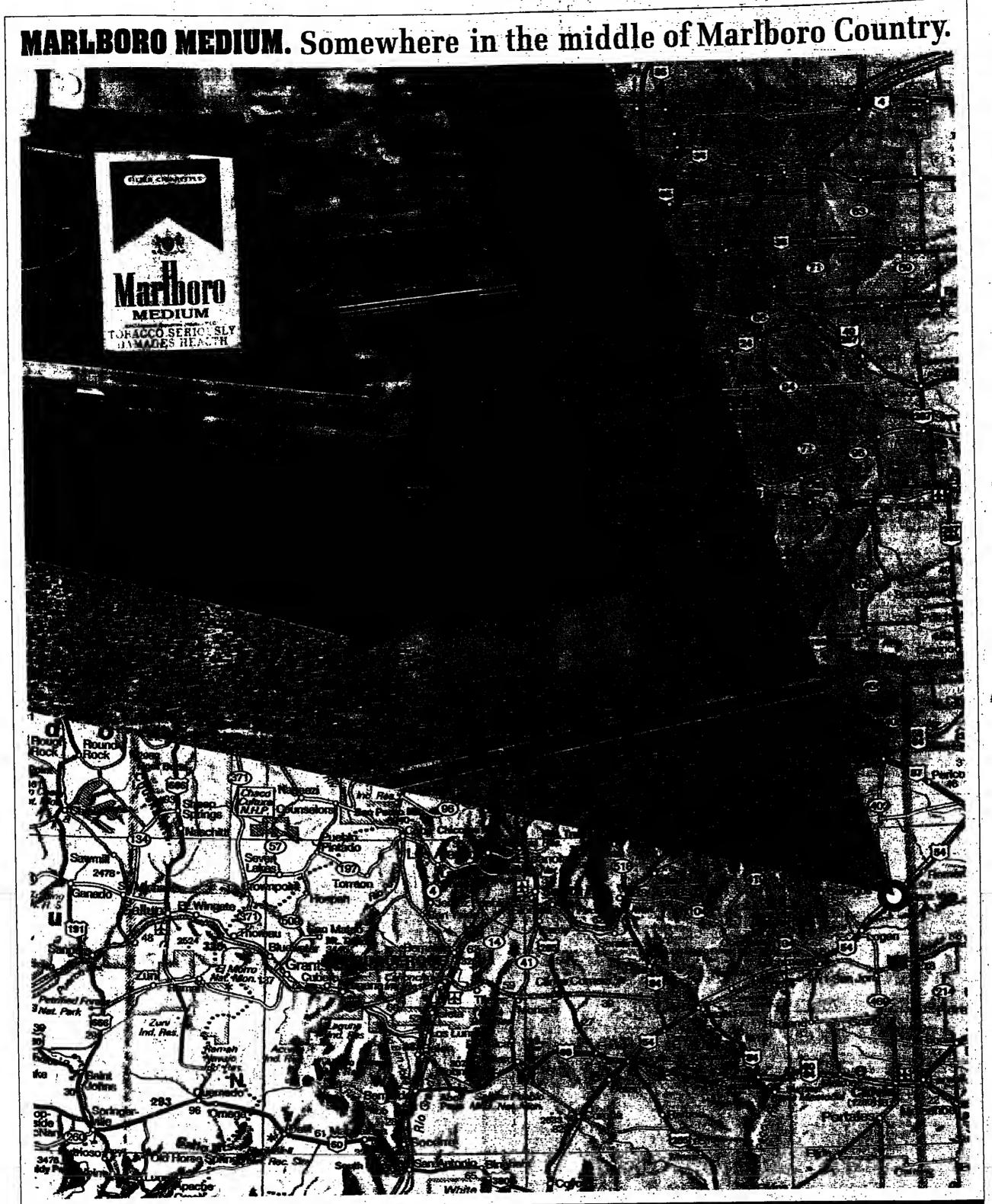
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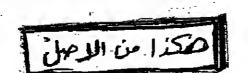
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# Waiting for a toy train by a misty mountain tea garden

The gloom had settled on Ghoom, At 7,407ft up in the Himalayas, rising above bamboo jungles and an emerald mosaic of tea gardens, Ghoom is the highest narrow-gauge railway station in the world. It was also the gloomiest.

Two hours late, the next train on the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway was lost somewhere down the mountains in impenetrable mist. I peered inside the stationmaster's window. His office was empty, save for an ancient telephone and a set of keys dangling above a rusty model of the tiny station. Pieces of slate on the railway timetable had flaked off, making it indecipherable. The only discernible figure of authority on the platform was a noisy red rooster.

I didn't think the train would ever come. Boys were playing foothall between the tracks, the only flat ground in Ghoom, where a had kick could send a hall sailing off a cliff into a 3,000ft free fall. And when I saw a barber open up shop on the track i almost gave up hope. He sat his customer on one of the rails and began the intricate job of scraping away his ear wax with a long, lethal-looking skewer. It looked as if the de-waxing would take bours.

Many of the other Darjeeling-hound passengers - army men on short leave, Bihari lahourers and a Tibetan trader carrying turquoise- and goldmonks in the Buddhist monasteries further up the mountain had lost patience and had clambered onto jeep taxis.



I had been warned. Ever since the British completed the 55-mile stretch of track between New Jalapiguri Station to Darjeeling in 1881, the engineers have engaged in an epic seasonal battle with monsoon rains. It dislodges giant boulders which hurtle onto the track.

Sometimes the hillsides liquefy, spewing torrents of mud and felling trees. Or the railway bedding is washed away, leaving nothing but two twisted rails, dangling in nothingness. Landslides in June closed the track below Kurseong, a town at 4,787ft, which is a junction for estates with names like Margaret's Hope and Eden Glade, and is where they grow the finest Orange Pekoe tea.

The battle to keep open the coloured-stones for artisan full length of the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (DHR) may be lost. It is not the monsoon which is killing off the Darjeeling toy train, as it is called,



#### Tim McGirk takes a journey back in time on the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway jeeling in 1944, and a few guide-

Speeding along by road takes only two-and-s-half hours.

The railway authorities plan to shut all but the final leg, running from Ghoom down to Darjeeling. This would reduce the hard-slogging mountain train to a pathetic tourist curio. It would be a pity if it goes,

for the Darjeeling rail is a marvel of engineering. It is also the most spectacular of the 28,000 miles of railway that criss-cross India. The DHR's three, century-old steam locomotives loop, zig-zag and chug their way past waterfalls, Buddhist monasteries and vistas of Kanchenjunga, one of the highest Himalayan peaks.

The American writer and one of the first to visit Darjeeling by rail. Twain claimed he was told that at Sukna station, an ur-

porch; telegraph instructions." The reply, unfortunately, was

The railway united India better than any conquering army

but the motor car. By train, the gent telegram was once wired journey from the plains to Dar- to Calcutta saying: "Tiger eating can drag on for 13 hours." British laid the first railway in India, at Bombay in 1853, building track became a frenzied obsession. They stretched steel up and down the coastlines, across the heartland of the Ganges plains, and all the way up the Khyber Pass. Now, over 10.5 million passengers ride Indian



Tea line: 'Toy train' passengers travel down to the plains

Rail ever day, to more than 7,084 destinations. The Darjeeling line was more

than a scenic amusement. Britain's colonial capital at first was Calcutta, and the Crown's administrators needed to escape the malaria and cholera which engulfed the city in monsoon. The fever line was reckoged to be 2,800ft; any higher, and malarial mosquitoes lose their sting. The hilltop of Darjeeling was their second choice. First, the British scouted Cherrapunji, in the Khasi hills, but this site was abandoned after they realised it had the heaviest rainfall in the

In construction, several tons of gunpowder were used every day to hlast a spiralling line up the Himalayan foothills. The to assist the train up the curving slope. All this I learned from a pamphlet, Travelling to Dar-

books I had time to read while waiting at Ghoom station. The gloom was gloomier than ever. I decided to warm myself with Darjecling tea (the garden tasters drink it straight, no sugar or milk, hut the Ghoom tea stall specialised in sweet, milky tea the colour of monsoon mud.) Having fin-ished my guidebooks, I had nothing better to do than watch the barber perform his magisterial de-waxing. He had moved on to the other ear.

Then the gloom lifted. The mist draping Ghoom was pulled aside, and the town was revealed, perched on a high ledge overlooking long, green spurs of hills - anywhere but the Himalayas they would be called large mountains - which fell off haze of the plains.

And then I heard it. The train was coming. On a faraway bend

of the mountain. I could see the whitish steam rising from the locomotive into the mist, It was as if that little locomotive. puffing and straining, were a cloud-manufacturing machine big enough to blanket the Himalayas.

Photographs: Colin McPherson

Twenty minutes later it pulled into Ghoom station. By then, the barber was collecting his few rupees from a satisfied. ear-scoured customer. Children danced around the engine. a B-class 0-4-OST manufactured by the North British Locomotive Company of Glasgow in 1893, as it hissed and

The fare from Ghoom to Darjeeling, a distance of five miles, was only three rupees; I wasn't alone. Schoolchildren piled on the train, and as we left Ghoom at the famous Batasia loop, they all dashed out, picked wildflowers and raced across to the loop.

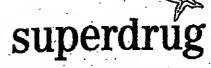
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# Tsutakiyokomatsu Asaji

My first encounter with a geisha took place nearly 40 years ago. The late Fifties in Japan was a time of unprecedented change hrought about by the national restructuring of the economy that was to lead to the "economic miracle". Cultural life was gradually becoming stereo-typed and its skills had diminshed. The art and craft of the way of a geisha were already on

Today, the numbers of these elegant and accomplished entertainers are decreasing as girls refuse to submit themselves to the arduous training required. Tsutakiyokomatsu Asaji was one of the rare last representatives of a bygone glory, and

I had just arrived in Japan, but I had done my homework and knew that the geisha is not a prostitute, still a common misconception. The money to pay for the geisha party had been extorted from the university's administration which had a special fund for such entertainments. The expense of hiring a geisha was always beyond my means. and it was only at publishers' celebrations that I was that I was able to enjoy their company. In fact, it is mainly successful husinessmen and high-ranking hands.

keep a geisha, and even so she three other privileged beings.
Apart from the pure pleasure
of their dancing and singing, I
must admit that I found geisha

rather tedious companions with their little parlour games in which one had to participate. otherwise they were a little cross. As a foreigner, I usually ended up by providing my own kind of entertainment for the geisha. But their skill, charm and acute insight into human character were undeniable, though some of them were de-cidedly long in the tooth. I never had the good fortune

to be served by Asaji. She was a person of quite exceptional lents as a dancer and a singer, to her own shamisen accompaniment, of tokiwazu-bushi ballads. The beauty of her fine hands with their almost translucent skin was especially admired, as was the nape of her neck, slim, graceful and curiously expressive: it is said to he the part of a woman's body most admired by Japanese men. Asaji's dancing showed off these exquisite assets to intoxicating effect, particularly after a few flasks of hot sake had been served by her own slender

Yanagibashi Asaji as she was known to her clients - a name derived from the willow hridge" district of geisha houses in downtown Tokyo - was a true Edokko geisha (that is, born and bred in Edo, the former name of Tokyo), and the last of her line. She began the acquisition of all the essential geisha skills - dance, music, flower arrangement, kimono management, story-telling, the serving of sake, the playing of games, the art of conversation - at a very early age, and completed a formal education more gruelling than any exam-orientated modern school.

She first appeared in public at the age of 16, and from that day on, without stopping, she performed for many important men including the wartime prime minister Hideki Tojo and the founder of the Honda empire, Soichiro Honda. During her long career, she sometimes entertained three generations of influential men from the same family - grandfather, father and son. This, too, was in the time-honoured tradition of geisha service.

Some also had distinguished foreign associations, beginning with Okichi, who was unwillingly pressed into the service of Townsend Harris on his arrival

from America with the "black ships". The nephew of the fi-nancier J.P. Mnrgan, George Dennisoo Morgan, married a geisha, O-yuki, from the cele-hrated Gion district in Kyoto. The first modern stage actress was a geisha, Sadayakko, wife of the theatre director Otojiro Kawakami, who played in both traditional and western dramas and toured Europe and the United States from 1899 to 1902, creating a sensation wherever she appeared.

After 87 years "active service" Asaji retired but still kept up her artistic and social life, declaring that she wanted to improve her shamisen technique. At the age of 100 she appeared in a fashion show for ladies of advanced age and published her amobiography, Onna wa kiri-kiri shan ("A Woman should be Pretty and Proper") in 1994. Her advice to would-be

maiko (apprentice geisha) and geisha was to be neat and pleasant and above all to keep their mouths shut: they often heard business and state secrets from their clients. One geisha who had hlabbed because her "sponsor", the former prime minister Sosuke Uoo, paid her only 200,000 yen a month (about Asaji), geisha: born Tokyo 28 £1,250) was forever after February 1894; died Tokyo 19 shunned by her sisters in the August 1996.

caused a resounding scandal which brought down Uno, who was forced to resign in 1989.
Asaji disapproved of such immoral behaviour, partly because after Uno's downfall politicians became scared of being betrayed by their geisha mistresses, and so brought the profession in disrepute at a time when it was on its last

At the end of her life, Asaji, too, complained of being on her last legs, but still continued to entertain occasionally at highclass restaurants for powerful politicians and fashion designers. She was an avid mah-jong player, and would complain that all her old partners has died out, leaving her no one to scalp. And she enjoyed drinking sake to the end of her days.

Tsutakiyokomatsu Asaji was in every sense one of the old school, the sort of classic, refined, mysterious geisha one finds in the oovels of Nagai Kafu, Yasımari Kawabata and Aya Koda, or in the great films of Kenji Mizoguchi.

James Kirkup Haru Kato (Tsutakiyokomatsu



Hom as a Russian princess in Tempest (1928) Photograph: Ronald Grant

A beautiful blonde with slanting brown eyes and classical features described as "fathomless in their subtle shadings of emo-tions", Camilla Horn was one of the great beauties of the German cinema, who made an overwhelming impact with her first leading role, in F.W. Mur-nau's Faust (1926), the great director's last German film before he went to America. He had originally wanted Lillian Gish for the role of Marguerite to Emil Janning's Faust, but Horn

proved inspired casting,
"For once," wrote Photoplay on the film's American premiere, "a picture is stolen from the redoubtable Jannings. This Berlin newcomer is a remarkable actress . . . she gives what is, in our opinion, a better performance than Miss Gish could have offered. It is a superbly ten-der and unaffected bit of work." Though she subsequently started opposite John Barry-

more in Hollywood, the advent of talkies prompted a return to Germany, where she worked prolifically throughout the Thir-ties until her frank criticism of the Nazi party temporarily ended her career. The daughter of a railway

worker, Horn was born on 25 April 1903 in Frankfurt, and educated in Germany and Switzerland. After hriefly working as a seamstress she went to Berlin to train as an actress and dancer. She danced in cabaret as part of Rudolf Nelson's revue troupe before obtaining work as an extra at UFA studios, her films includiog Murnau's Tortuffe (1925). (She preferred later to disregard these early bit parts and proclaim Faust as her film debut.)

A commercial failure, Faust is regarded as a classic of the German cinema. Horn's acceptance of UFA's offer of a forced into separate loveless contract prevented her imme- marriages, flee the wrath of the

village who wrongly suspect Barrymore of killing Horn's diately joining Murnau in Hal-lywood, where she later claimed husband, only to meet their she would have starred in his deaths in an avalanche. It was masterpiece Sunrise, but in 1928 she was allowed to go to Amera copical and commercial failure. ica, where the producer Joseph Schenck, with whom she be-Horn's final American film, a talkie shot in both English and German versions, was The Roycame romantically involved,

Camilla Horn

al Box, made in 1930. The Roypot her into the leading role opal Box, based on Alexandre posite John Barrymore in Tem-Dumas' hiographical play Kean, co-starred Alexander Moissoi as pest. Set during the 1914 Bolshevik uprising, its first en-counter between the two leads the renowned English actor Edmund Kean, Back in Gerhad Horn, as Princess Tamara, whipping the officer played by Barrymore across his bare chest, many, Horn starred in Leo Mittler's Sonning des Lebens, the German version of Edmund to which he responds (natural-Goulding's The Devil's Holiday ly) with a kiss. Tempest was the first film produced by United Artists to have synchronised (1930), playing Nancy Carroll's role of a mercenary manicurist converted by true love. sound and music effects. Horn again starred with Bar-

Her subsequent German films included a hig hit Die Grosse Sehnsucht ("The Big more in Eternal Love (1929). Ernst Lubitsch's last silent film Yearning"), then in 1932 she and a gloomy affair in which the couple, as mountain villagers came to England to make three films in which she displayed a good command of the lan-

guage. The films - The Return of Raffles (1931), Matinee Idol (1932) and Love Nest (1932) were minor items however, and when she returned in 1934 to make the even poorer Luck of o Sailor, she was fourth-hilled.

She was now playing more worldly roles then in her earlier films, and her career continued to flourish in Germany where Georg Jacoby's Der Leizie Walzer ("The Last Waltz", 1934) and Jacques Feyder's Fahrendes Volk (1938) were notable successes, until her trouhle with the Nazis, which led lo her semi-retirement in 1939. An attempt to cross the bor-

der into Switzerland having been unsuccessful, she took up farming and at one point went into hiding. At the war's end, she became an interpreter for the occupying Americans before

Tètes (1948). Later she carved a new career as forceful matriarchs on television and film, winning the 1988 Bavarian film prize for her role as a royal grandmother in Peter Schamoni's Schloss Königswald. In 1974 she received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the German film industry, and in 1985 wrote an autobiography, Verliebt in Die Leben ("In Love with Life"), in which she candidly discussed her marriages and affairs (including a longstanding one with her co-star Louis Graveure). Several years prior to her death, she had moved to a rest home in Bavaria.

Tom Vallance-

Tanu.

Camilla Martha Horn, actress: born Frankfurt, Germany 25 April 1903; married Gustov Diessl, Louis Graveure, Klaus resuming an acting career with a triumphant stage appearance in Cocteau's L'Aigle à Deux Geerz Kurt Kurfis, Robert Schryder, Rudolf Mühlfenzl; died 14 August 1996.

### Ian MacGregor

transition in middle or late working life into senior adminadministrator, with relatively little classroom experience, is spatchcocked into a headship of a major secondary school, disappointment, sometimes cata-

strophe, has ensued. Ian MacGregor negated this rule, and for 18 years, from 1970 to 1988, was the conspicuously successful Rector - Scots headmaster - of the 1.000-pupil comprehensive school of Bathgate Academy, Unquantifiable though influence and actual achievement may be, long-serving effective school heads are of And shortly after MacGregor unsung value to a community in particular and society in general.

One element in MacGrerange of genuine friends he accumulated in Britain and beyond, and outside the confines Belle Baxter School in Cupar.

Successful headmasters and of school: I think particularly of headmistresses have lended to his great friend the late Probe less successful in making the fessor John P. Mackintosh MP. MacGregor dreaded getting bogged down as so many good istrative responsibility in an ed-teachers have done in ever narucation authority. On the less rower educational circles. "My frequent occasions when an task," he would say, "is above all to extend the horizons of my pupils and the school staff."

MacGregor's father was the

UK distributor for 20th Century Fox films and his mother was the first of his four wives. She came from a distinguished firm of whisky hrokers and barrelmaking coopers. After the First World War in which MacGregor's uncle, serving in the Royal Flying Corps was one of those killed by the German air ace Baron Von Richthofen, they moved to South Gosforth. was born in 1924 the family moved to Altrincham in Cheshire where he attended the gor's success was the large grammar school until his parents divorced and he moved with his mother to Fife and the

At that time, there were few boys with English accents in Fife schools and he had a very rough time. Years later when he was headmaster in Bathgate, which had the higgest machine shop under one roof in Europe (Brtish Leyland Truck and Tractor Division), he made sure that boys from Birmingham and other areas of the Midlands did not get the kind of hullying on account of accent which he

himself had suffered. Owing to health problems which were to afflict him throughout his life, he studied at St Andrews and Edinhurgh Universities during the Second World War years. In 1946-47 he became president of the Scottish Students Union and as such travelled to Prague hefore the Communist take-over of Czechoslovakia. One of his lifelong interests was helping people from eastern Europe who came penniless to the West. It was one of the causes of the Scottish Union of Students at the time. Because MacGregor

was a counter-suggestible person he stood up to the taunts of his fellow delegates from the National Union of Students that because he didn't accept the left-wing line he must therefore be a neo-fascist\_Mac-Gregor replied in kind that SUS was a completely separate hody from the National Union of Studeots.

Winning a place in the Civil Service exam, he spent three years as Assistant Principal in the Ministry of Finance in the government of Northern Ireland. And hated it. "Life in Belfast", he complained, "is all retirement."

So be returned to academia, and after a year at the University of New York studied for the Diploma of Education at Ed-inburgh University and took Honours in Teacher Training at Moray House College of Education, then under the inspirational leadership of Dr W.B.

After a short period as a for service to scouting as well as leacher at Buckhaveo High his service to education (as As-

School he joined Edinburgh Corporation Education Department as Assistant working under Dr George Reith, one of the great post-war educational experimenters.

It was at this period that Mac-

Gregor learnt that one of the objects of good schooling was to persuade young people to take their own decisions as a preparation to adult life, "Emowerment to do things and take initiatives is what it should be all about," he would say. He also had the ability to speak to his students without patronising them.

In parallel with his educational activities was his formidable contribution to the scout movement in Scotland where he was successively commissioner for the universities, commissioner for venture scouts, and commissioner for relationships. The scouts in 1980 bestowed

their highest honour upon him, The Silver Wolf, and in 1988,

sistant Director in Aberdeenshire 1959-62, to West Lothian 1962-70, as senior depute director and as a headmaster for 18 years), he was given the OBE. At the end of his life he was active on the board of UCCA (the Universities Central Council on Admissions) and worked long and effectively as general council assessor in Edinburgh University Court.

lan George Stewart MacGregor, educational administrator and headmaster: born South Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne 29 December 1924; Assistant Principal, Ministry of Finance, Gov-ernment of Northern Ireland 1947-50; Assistant Director of Education, Aberdeenshire 1959-64; Senior Depute Director of Education, West Lothian 1964-1970: Rector, Bathwate Academy 1970-88: General Council Assessor, Edinburgh University Court 1980-95; OBE 1988; died

Bo'ness 15 August 1996.



MacGregor: "My task is to extend the horizons of my pupils and staff

#### Hernán Siles Zuazo

Duncan Green's otherwise very fair and accurate obituary of Hernán Siles Zuazo [19 August] is a little too sparse in its praise, writes Professor James Dunkerley. Siles was a man who uniquely contrived to be president of Bolivia three times without ever ordering the execution or exile of his enemies, despite the fact that he was himself shot at, jailed, exiled and kidnapped from his teens until his sevenues. At Siles funeral last week Vice-President Victor Hugo Cárdenas - once a fierce opponent - reflected the senti-

ments of many when he contrasted Siles' lack of conventional "policy success" with his singular example of political negotiation, compromise and gen-uine co-operation in a violent era.

After being thrice elected to the presidency in the late 1970s. Siles was finally permitted to take office in October 1982, only to confront an appalling economic situation, the cocaine barons in top gear, and Ronald Reagan at his most aggressive. Nobody other than General Pinochet had hitherto altempted a real neo-liberal sta-

bilisation plan except, of course, Siles himself in 1956-57. Small wonder then that he now opted to try and "manage inflation", and allow the longsuffering citizens of Bolivia some democratic rights after 18 years of dictatorship, placing economic management second to polltical freedom. Today, of course, this is neither popular nor fashionable, but in 1982-84

it was both plausible and sane. Siles was a shy man and a devout Christian. His hunger strikes were an effort to break the cycles of violence that had

Miss Mary Allen, Secretary-General, the Arts Council, 45; Mr Pe-

gripped Bolivia since indepeodence, and he had a fair measure of success. Bolivia today palpably remains in the thrall of the cocaine mafia, and it is far quieter and more peaceful than either Peru or Colombia. Siles' death, the repatriation of his remains from Uruguay, and his hurial have triggered a remarkable expression of sentiment in the country. He is the first of the leaders of the 1952 Revolution to die, but it would seem that he is recognised as the most simpático and generous. I vividly recall the day in 1982.

when Hernan Siles finally took office and admonished the exaltant crowd who had driven the army from power with their strikes and were now booing the military band in attendance at the inauguration. "Be kind to them", he said. It is a good injunction, albeit one spurned by the big men of realpolitik and falsely thought to be a recipe for impunity and inertia. Hernán Siles was always suspicious of the left's need for heroes and he loathed the right's love of anthority. He went against the grain, and he did so bravely.

editor of the leftish New York weekly the Nation, writes Norman Thomas di Giovanni [further to the obituary by Walter Baumann, I3 August]. that were my training ground. At once he treated me with un-

Some 40 years ago, when I was

feeling my way into translation,

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In awe, I regularly sent him versions of the Italian poems failing kindness and promptness, as if I were a valued contributor. This made me even more awestruck. I now realise that this unique man would have

treated all of his contributors that same way. Rosenthal gave each sub-mitted poem his total attention. He did not merely accept or reject. He wrote to you and was

**Mack Rosenthal** 

always helpful and encouraging. I was so green that the first time I sent him a poem - it was by Cesare Pavese - I neglected to include my address with it. When later I queried what I imagined had been his neglect. he promptly wrote back saying how much he wanted the poem and had been keeping it for pub-lication, hoping I would contact

Battle of the Standard (Northalier-ton), 1138; Richard tII was defeat-

other Pavese. It came hack promptly, telling me the diction was all wrong. It also listed instances. I sat down, rewrote the piece, and resubmitted it. By return mail Mack accepted it.

him again. Later I sent him an-

I did not know then that M.L. Rosenthal was an inspired and respected university teacher. I would never have believed he was an academic, I only knew him as an inspired editor, one who took extraordinary pains and could be helpful and gencrous to a complete novice. He was a man in love with poetry.

#### BIRTHS

HARVEY: On 17 August. to Jane Myerwo and Tim, a daughter, Juno Matilda, a sister for India and

Caspar.

HYLTUN / PENNANT: On 10 August
1990, to Maisie and Trevor, a daugh-

#### DEATHS

arabey: Edward Lawrence, died peacefully in Bath, on 20 August, aged 89, husband of Bertha, father of David, Hugh, Barbara and James. Funeral serveice at \$1 James, South Stoke, Bath, on Thursday 24 August at 5pm, No flowers please, Enquiries 0151-032 4502.

KASSMAN: Alexander, 2019/96, uged 81. Funeral, Hoop Lane Cremniori-um, NW11. Friday 23 August, 1.45pm. OLDFIELD: (nee Balfour), Lady Kath-leen Constance Blanche (Kay), wife of the late Professor Richard Charles

Oldfield, died peacefully at home on

#### Births. **Marriages** & Deaths

20 August aged 84 years. Functal service to be held at Morton Hall Crematorium. Howden Hall Road, Liberton. Edinburgh on Saturday 24 August, 11.30am. No flowers please, but donations for tree planting gladis accrated.

### IN MEMORIAM

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#### Birthdays

ter Allsop, publisher, 72; Mr John Banham, chairman, Tarmac, 56; Miss Honor Blackman, actress, 70; Mr Marc Bohan, dress designer, 70; Mr Ray Bradbury, author, 76; Professor Sir Colin Buchanau, town planner, 89; Dr Rob Buckman, broadcaster, 48; M Henri Cartier-Bresson, photographer, 88: Maj-Gen Earl Cathcart, 77: Sir Richard Catting, former Commissioner of Police, Kenya, 84: Professor Sir Cyril Astley Clarke, geneticist, 89; Mr Steve Davis, snooker player, 39: Miss Margaret Douglas, ca puerus, 37, pues mangarer Lougias, Supervisor of Parliamentary Broad-casting, 62; Miss Anne Downey, cir-cuit judge, 60; Mr Derek Fatchen MP, 51; Mr Wilfred Harrison, actor, director and playwright, 7t; Mr Max Hebditch, Director of the Museum

of London, 59; Mr Gerald Long, journalist and former chief executive. Reulers, 73; Mr Donald MacLeary, dancer, 59, The Right Rev Robert Martineau, former Bishop of Black-burn, 83; Sir James Menter, former Principal, Queen Mary College, 75; Mr Ahm Michael MP, 53; Sir Leo Piiatzky, former seniot civil servant. 77: General Norman Schwarzkopf, former US military commander, 62: Mr Karlheinz Stockhausen, composer and conductor, 68; Sir Anthony Tuke, former chairman, Savoy Hoiel, 76; Mr Mats Wilander, tennis

#### Anniversaries

Births: Denis Papin, physicist and inventor, 1647; Jean-François de plorer, 1741; Pope Leo XII, 1760; penter, 1788; François Forster, en-graver, 1790; Dr John Hill Burton, historian and jurist, 1809; William Hayman Cummings, oratorio tenor, 1831; Sir Alexander Campbell Markenzie, composer, 1847; Gustaf Fröding, poet, 1860; Claude-Achille Debussy, composer, 1862; Jacques Lipchitz, painter and sculptor, 1891; Dorothy Parker (Rothschild), hu-morist and writer, 1893; Leni (Helene Bertha Amalie) Riefenstahl, actress, film producer and photographer, 1902 Deaths: Pope Gregory IX, 1241; Philip VI, King of France, 1350; Richard III, King, killed at Bosworth Field, 1485; Jan Kochanowski, poet, 1584; Loca Marenzio, organist and composer, 1599; William Whiston, translator of Josephus, 1752; Jean-Honoré Frag-onard, painter, 1806; Warren Hastings, first Governor-General of India, 1818; Franz Joseph Gall, neuro-

physiologist and founder of phrenology, 1828; Alexandre-Gabriel Decamps, painter, 1860; George Shillibeer, pioneer of London's first bus service, 1866; Sydney Thompson Dobell, poet, 1874; Henry George Bohn, bookseller and publisher, 1884: "Lord" John Sanget, circus entrepreneur, 1889: Robert Arthur Talbot Gascoyne Cecil, third Marquess of Salisbury, statesman, 1903; Michael Collins, Irish nationalist Michael Collis, Irisi nationalist leader, killed in unbush, 1922; Sir Oliver Joseph Lodge, physicist. 1940; Michael (Mikhail Mikhaitovich) Fokine, dancer and choreographer, 1942; Roger Martin du Gard, novelist and playwright, 1958; William Richard Morris, first Viscount Nuffield, motor manufacturer, 1963; Jomo Kenyatta (Kamau), Kenyan leader, 1978; James Thomas Farrell, povelist, 1979. On this day: the Scots were defeated by the English at the

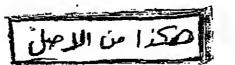
ron, 1138; Richard III was defended by Henry VII's men at the Battle of Bosworth Field. 1485; the Civil War began in England, 1642; Sierra Leone was first settled by the British as a haven for former slaves, 1788; as a haven for former slaves, 1788, New Mexico was annexed by the United States, 1846; the Geneva Conference adopted the ideas put forward by Jean-Henri Dunant, and the International Red Cross organ-isation was founded, 1864; Korea was annexed by Japan, 1910; the first reg-ular BBC television service began, 1932; Pope Paul VI made the first papal visit to South America when he arrived in Colombia, 1968; an engine on a British Airtours Boeing 737 aircraft exploded and burst into flames crart explodes and burst into tames on take-off, and 55 passengers were killed, 1985; following a change in the licensing laws, public houses in Eng-land and Wales were allowed to stay open all day, 1988. Today is the Feast Day of St Andrew of Fiesole. St John Kemble, St Sigfrid of Wearmouth, St

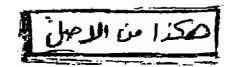
#### Lectures

National Gallery: Mari Griffith, "Assumptions (iv): Valdes Leal, The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin, vith Two Donors", tpm. British Museum: Katic Hill, "West-ern Influences on Chinese Painting (1919-37)", t.t5pm.

#### Changing of the Guard

The Household Cavalry Mounted Regi-ment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Burse Guards, Ham; Nijmegen Compa-ny Grenadier Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palate, 11.30m, hand provided by the Grenadier Guards.





# the leader page

# Motor pollution is an issue for local will

the Government's announcement yesterday of targets for cutting motor vehicle pollution over the next few years bore all the hallmarks of Gummerism. This is the political condition associated with the current Environment Secretary. John Gummer's patron saint is evidently St Augustine of Dagenham — give me exhaust pipe continence but, please, not yet. Mr Gummer's concern for the well-being of the physical environment is in no doubt. He cares about the countryside, about old buildings ... and all that. But heart is not enough.

Government is a many-sided struggle between departments and politicians, who are mostly utter growthaddicts. Gummerism has turned out to mean knuckling under to the Department of Trade and Industry's fear that hard-nosed environmental policy is "bad for growth" - an argument that fails to see how innovations in transport and emission control could give this country a leading edge in the development of products and programmes. It is unable to face up to the job of reorganising central government to cope with such inter-departmental questions as how cities are shaped, how housing choice connects with land-use and transport and the physical qualities of life. Is the "housing boom" being so eagerly talked up by his colleagues really compatible with the environmental progress he wants to see?

It is not entirely John Gummer's fault that the Department of the Environment now ranks low in the pecking order. Its lack of weight with the Treasury and Number 10 helps to explain the long delay in getting these targets for various pollutants off the Tarmac. But it is Mr Gummer's fault that his policy procouncements do not recognise that there is no way you can separate out "environment" from fiscal, industrial, regulatory and a host of other policies delivered by other departments. Mr Gummer exhibits an intellectual failing common among politicians, though odd among politicians of the neo-Thatcherite right. He exhibits a touching faith in dealing with pollution from cars by mean of policy something government does. Airquality improvements, however, rest on a myriad of changes in how we live our collective lives, how we distribute ourselves in physical space, how we choose to move about in town and country.

Mr Gummer will say, rightly, that identifying and controlling vehicles producing excess levels of pollutants is a specific first step; in setting targets (albeit for 2005) the UK has pushed itself to the forefront of European Union states. (Still, it's noteworthy how even erstwhile Eurosceptic ministers are wont to wring their hands and say "If only the European Commission would bail us out by setting common standards".) But he has pulled his



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punches on the question of cost. The cost of cars will have to rise hut the degree of pain that causes is bound up with our preferences not just about modes of transport, but about where and how we live. Gummerism drives nowhere unless it takes us all into a much wider debate about "urbanism".

That is an abstract word for a concrete and daily set of choices, by ordinary people, not by ministers. We report today how a junior minister wants to urge private house-builders once again to start constructing terraced dwellings in the cities. They are likely to demur when it comes to

assembling the packages of land fit for inner-urban development, partly because they say the demand is for suburban or country semis and detached properties, with all the consequences for car use and the environment such development entails. This is not to argue that market preferences are everything – the use of land is conditioned by town and country planning policies. It is to say that people choose in the intimacy of their households how and where they live and so choose the environmental consequences.

Signs of change in attitudes to city life abound. We reported on Tuesday

how middle-class families were selfconsciously seeking to recolonise innerurban areas (middle-class, because many lower-income people have never had the chance of leaving their innercity local authority accommodation). City dwellers, new and old, have the keys to a better environment in their hands. To put it hluntly: people must be sufficiently upset by asthma deaths or bad air quality for them to start, locally at first, to agitate for restrictions not on their neighbours' car use hut on their own vehicles; and to vote to reconstruct the government of our cities to allow them to tax and spend and rebuild transport systems. This is where Mr Gummer and his central government colleagues come in.

The Government's sincerity can he tested by this question. It is one posed yesterday by its own former transport minister, Steve Norris - who seems to have seen great flashes of light since leaving it. Can you have pollution control or environmental improvement in a city such as London without that city acquiring the capacity to govern itself? The answer is, of course, no. The centre can impose hlanket controls: the control of pollutants from domestic coal fires is one of the great post-war success stories. But dealing with the problems created by car use is a local and regional matter because it has to do so closely with where we shop and go to school and our willingness to tolerate restrictions on parking and car use. Solutions will only stick if they are based on local will. But that in turn depends on a revival in the capacity of local government to reflect local choices – something Mr Gummer and his Tory colleagues have been squashing and squeezing for 17 years.

# Swap you a train for some sausage

e prochain départ pour Sideup will be on a French traio. Yesterday the Government announced that the South Eastern rail franchise had been sold to Connex, a subsidiary of the French transport giant CGEA. What price petty nationalism in suburban Kent now, when foreigners own the rolling stock? French water, French power, French railways ... such an influx of Gallic experience and capital is welcome. though the fact it is happening under Tory rule makes the Little Englandism of that party's Eurosceptics all the more incoherent and futile. Of course the traffic isn't all one way. The cornpany that provides on-board restaurant services on British railways has just said it is thinking of taking the catering franchise on certain Continental routes. It will be offering the British Rail hreakfast, boudin noir and all.

#### - LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

# Westminster impotent to curb Europe

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Sir: The "stifling of British democracy" (report, 20 August) was inevitable from the day in 1972 when Parliament reduced its own status to that of a subordinate legislature by enacting the European Communities Act. Sadly our politicians have been trying to conceal that fact ever since.

While it is clearly wrong that ministers and officials should abuse our internal constitutional processes by bypassing the Select Committee on European Legislation, one must qui what useful purpose is served by this committee's deliberations now that so much federal legislation is determined by qualified majority voting. If Parliament were to lay down a policy to be followed oo a particular issue, all they would achieve would be to tie the hands of ministers and officials in the "horse trading" which inevitably goes on in the Council of Ministers and the Commission, without any guarantee that this policy would not be outvoted by the other members. The process of scrutiny of federal legislation by national parliaments is at best futile, and at worst self-defeating. If we want Europe to be more

democratic, and there is a great democratic deficit at its heart, we should seek to make the Council and the Commission more accountable to the European Parliament, not to insist on the right of our own legislators to run interference on our own executive in federal negotiations. An exception obviously applies in respect of those issues where individual member states have a right of veto.

Assuming that we remain a full member of the Union, Parliament would serve us best by concentrating on performing the restricted functions of a "state legislature" as well as possible.

JA DAVIS

Bookham, Surrey

Sir: The House of Commons Select Committee on European Legislation suffers from bad self-defusion. It is not its job to scrutinise draft EU legislation. That belongs to the European Parliament, which under the Treaty is the legislative partner of the Council and the Commission and has established formal procedural arrangements to make the partnership work. At the current IGC the European Parliament's law-making role needs to be reinforced, particularly with regard to secondary legislatioo: the UK government is alone in opposing this.

What should the European committee be doing? It should be co-operating better with the European Parliament's committees in monitoring the implementation of EU law and policy in this country; it should be assisting MEPs, especially in EU budgetary control: it should be questioning the broad lines of government policy and insisting on the publication of White Papers on pressing strategic issues, such as EMU; it should be assessing the causes and effects of government setbacks in the Council; it should go fact-finding in Brussels and act as a conduit of information between the EU institutions and Westminster, it should be collaborating far more closely with comparable bodies of MPs in other member states, especially to open up tricky dossiers, such as fisheries policy. Bleat as the European Select

Committee might about its



treatment at the hands of the Government, the fact is that most MPs are deeply ill-informed about the European Union and more or less uninterested in the European dimension to domestic politics. Wheo from time to time the House of Commons comes to exercise its reserve constitutional powers on major developments in the European Unioo such as enlargement, Treaty change or EMU, is it really a surprise that it makes such a poor showing? ANDREW DUFF Director, The Federal Trust

London SW

#### Brunel roasts station buffet

Sir: Nicholas Faith ("The great InterCity hreakfast", 20 August) gives an account of Charles Dickens writing about the lamentable catering at "Mugby Junction". Perhaps the earliest complaint about the railway refreshment rooms was made by Isambard Kingdom Brunel, who although he was the engineer of the Great Western Railway was not prepared to take responsibility for all its operations. Writing to the first refreshment contractor at Swindon

he said:
"I assure you that Mr Player was wrong in supposing that I thought you purchased inferior coffee. I thought I said to him that I was surprised you should buy such poor roasted corn. I did not believe you had such a thing as coffee in the place; I am certain I never tasted any. I have long ceased to make complaints at Swindon. I avoid taking anything there if I can help it."

However, the most famous

refreshment room must be the one

at Milford Junction, which had a doctor in attendance in case lady travellers required cinders to be removed from their eyes before taking tea and rock cakes. JOHN MITCHELL London SE13

#### Let down by Ucas system

Sir: You are quite right to recommend a system of university entrance in which students apply after receiving their A-level results ("Lessons of the scramhle for university places", 19 Angust).

I am one of many 18-year-olds who received their A-level results

who received their A-level results last week and I am embittered by the Ucas system, which I feel has let me down badly. I was predicted mainly C grades and on the basis of this felt unable to apply for the highly competitive degree course, which demanded A and B grades, that I had originally hoped to do. However, after receiving my results (two A grades and a B), I find that it is too late to secure a place on that course at any university in Britain for 1996. I will now have to reapply for 1997.

I firmly believe that a system in which students apply after receiving their results would be fairer to everyone. Any system which relies so heavily upon teachers' predictions on what students are going to achieve, one year before the exams, is bound to be grossly unfair and woefully inaccurate.

ASMA AHMED London N22

### A way forward for Cyprus

Sir: Your readers might be interested to hear the views of a "neutral" Cypriot (letters, 19 August)

Angust).

As a member of a small community of Armenian Cypriots, I grew up in a Cyprus which was largely peaceful and all Cypriots worked together and most weot to school together. However even in those days Cyprus was made up of segregated communities. Towns and villages had separate Greek and Turkish quarters. After working side by side or attending the same schools, Greeks weot home to their quarter and Turks to

integration outside school or their workplace.

There has never been a Cypriot ideotity. Even in the "good old days" Greek Cypriots pledged allegiance to the Greek flag and sang the Greek national anthem,

theirs. There was very little

days" Greek Cypriots pledged allegiance to the Greek flag and sang the Greek national anthem, the Turkish Cypriots pledged allegiance to the Turkish flag and sang the Turkish anthem. The 1960 Zurich agreement on independence was in effect

imposed on the Cypriot people. It states that Greeks and Turks share power on a ratio of 70 per cent and 30 per cent. The population then was made up of 82 per cent Greeks and 18 per cent Turks. Armenians, Maronites and Latin Christians were included in the 82 per cent.

The Greek Cypriots always

The Greek Cypriots always claimed that the 1960 Zurich agreement was unfair to them and in 1963 tried to renegotiate better

terms. Of course the Turkish Cypriots objected and so inter-

communal strife began.

Cyprus has in effect been partitioned since 1963. In my opinion the best that can be achieved oow is a loose confederation made up of Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot zones, with freedom of movement hetween the two, guaranteed by the original Zurich signatories, Britain, Greece and Turkey.

NAZARET SHAMLIAN

London N10

#### Lever's true model village

Sir: What tripe Jonathan Glancey writes (Architecture, 20 August) about Port Sunlight and Billy Lever's role in its huilding.

The village itself, far from being "dwarves' cottages in black and white vernacular" is a handsome and telling contribution to the architecture of the period and is still an adornment to the Wirral peninsula. Lever himself lived there in a huge house in the centre of the village and many of his managers were proud to occupy the beautifully designed larger houses. The village itself contained one of the best art galleries in the North of England, a hospital, a school, a coaching inn and three employees' clubs. The landscaping and playing fields would put many a modern

town to shame.

As to the villagers doffing caps as the "nabobs paraded round the houses", Mr Glancey does not

There will always he good, bad and indifferent teachers in any era. MARY HAYMAN Richmond, Surrey

know the Birkenhead working

about Port Sunlight village. I do; I

man. Nor does he know much

Sir: As a retired teacher of

mathematics, I take exception to

I taught in secondary schools in

the Fifties. My concern, and that of

my colleagues, was to communicate our enthusiasm for our subjects to

our pupils and encourage them to

realise their full potential. The

childreo I tanghi were keen to

challenge one another – and me -

m class discussions. They enjoyed

exchanging ideas and we worked

together in a happy and frieodly

Mr Weale's cootention that "30 years ago, teaching was largely done through fear" (letters, 17

lived there.

No fear

#### Demonic eyes

Sir. The actor who posed for Tony Blair's demonic eyes in the Tory poster ("Another one in the eye for Tory 'devil' campaign", 20 August) should consider playing Bardolph in Shakespeare's Henry IV, of whom it is said: "He calls me e'eo now, my lord, through a red lattice, and I could discern no part of his face from the window. At last I spied his eyes, and methought he had made two holes in the ale-wife's new petticoat, and so peeped through." IAN FLINTOFF

### with the Internet Sir: UK Internet Service Providers

Police struggle

Sir. UK Internet Service Providers (1SPs) were invited to a discussion on 2 August with the Home Office and the Metropolitan Police regarding pornography on the Internet ("Police get lough on Internet porn", 16 August). We seet a representative. Instead of a discussion, the meeting was a lecture from Scotland Yard: there is pornography on the Internet; ISPs are legally responsible for this; and the police have the power to arrest and seize equipment.

We know that criminal activities of various sorts take place across the Internet. Criminals also use trains, buses, aeroplanes, the postal service, cellular phones, and all other means of communication. No ooe is threatening to arrest Richard Bransoo because dope smugglers sometimes use Virgin Atlantic.

There are some five policemen responsible for dealing with the problem. They are not technically trained and they do this on a parttime hasis. In the seminar the police made it clear that they can't deal with the problem hut are uoder considerable pressure to do so. They know that the ISPs can't handle it either but it relieves the pressure on them to toss it our way.

The Internet is a means of distributing information at very low cost all over the world. We handle some 200,000 news articles a day. These are written by millions of loternot users all over the world and are delivered at virtually zero cost. We charge roughly 1p per thousand articles. Attempting to vet each individual oews article would increase the cost by something like 10,000 times. If we had to vet each article, we would have to stop supplying the news. Attempting to apply UK laws designed for publishers to the Internet criminalises ISPs and will cripple the Internet. We oeed realistic laws suitable to the Internet. We also need realistic funding for police aw-enforcement efforts.

We would be happy to provide technical input to the police in support of their efforts to enforce the law. What we object to is their understandable attempt to shift the responsibility for this huge problem on to the ISPs, who do not have the resources to cope with it.

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Sir: The Internet Service Providers are getting together to agree a form of filler, whereby pages stored on the World Wide Weh are coded: I for the highest content of sex and violence, to 5 with no sex, violence or offensive language. Users will theo be able to configure their Web browsers to download only pages of a certain number. While putting cootrol back into the hands of the user, where it should be, this will not cater for people still running browsers without this option. There is, however, as with television, an on/off button. SIMON FORBES E-mail: forbess@lul.co.uk

#### River rage

Sir: Ms Jakeman (letter, 19 August) is quite wrong. Punt Rage is as old as the hills. Like so many other things, it has simply degenerated into crudity.

Overheard from a punt in 1946:
She: Well, if you don't believe in
the Categorical Imperative at all, the don't think there is any point in our
going around together!
PATRICK RODGER
Edinburgh

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# How we can clear the air

**Nicholas Schoon** tells the Government five better ways to civilise the car

dramatically, and continue to have high levels of car use and car ownership. But we will not succeed in doing so if we suck to the Government's UK Air Quality Strategy, launched

This is a very cautious, bland document, published eight months after the originally intended date and consisting almost entirely of a restatement of existing policies and laws. It bears all the scars of prolonged battles between government departments, and ministers' overall calculation that voters would punish any party that punished the motorist.

You don't get something for nothing, and improving the quality of our air requires chang-ing attitudes and habits. That can be done, and to some extent it already is, in Britain and elsewhere. But it takes courage and leadership, a readiness to confront the lobbyists, the pro-car press, and a careful playing on the guilt which comes with the average motorist's hypocrisy about the car.

There are measures available which would reduce traffic, make vehicles fundamentally less polluting and our cities and countryside much more pleasant to be in. To begin with, however, a smog of confusions and misunderstandings has to be cleared.

Air pollution is already in rapid decline and will continue to fall for several years. This is due to reams of European Union and domestic legislation and policies, but two factors stand out.

One is the collapse of car, or manage without one Britain's coal-mining industry altogether. But he had no new associated with the privatisation policies to offer. of electricity. More and more power stations burn gas, a much out incurring large increases in eaner fuel than coal. Second, European Union directives have set tougher and tougher standards for vehicle exhaust fumes and will continue to do so over the next 10 years.

better, is there much more press coverage of smogs these days? The answer is that the public transport. City-centre Government has a much better air-quality monitoring network and is more open with the

So if air pollution is falling why should we do more? The best reason is that we know, increasingly, that air pollution is dangerous, destructive and extremely expensive. The Government accepts that air pollution shortens thousands of lives each year and puts up to 20,000 people in hospital. Also, it damages buildings, crops, wildlife and habitats.

Furthermore, if we set out to reduce pollution by reducing road traffic we reap benefits which are just as important as improved air quality. We cut noise. We make our towns and cities more civilised and tolerable, and our countryside more like real countryside. We no longer need so many expensive

And while air pollution may

Affluent people use their cars more. We must break this habit

be falling now, it is expected to start rising again in 10 years as economic growth overwhelms the gains. Experience shows that as people become more affluent they use their cars more and own more of them. The hard task of breaking that link and social habit needs to start now. John Gummer, Secretary of

State for the Environment, understands that better than most. He had all the right rhetoric for yesterday's launch of the new strategy, envisaging a future in which more families would hire cars, own just one

So what could be done with-

First, as advocated by the Civic Trust, a tax should be introduced for non-residential car-parking spaces in places where central and local gov-Why, if things are getting ernment want to discourage car use and encourage a switch office blocks and out-of-town superstores would be prime candidates.



more desirable, reliable and intensive. The sums would be substantial: £1,000 a year per space works out at less than £3 a day for individuals, but if the tax covered a million spaces £1bn per annum would flow in. Second, one of John Gum-

mer's greatest green achieve-The money raised could be ments is to persuade the Cab-

used to make public transport inet to put up fuel duties by 5 which would delight Britain's per cent, each year, above the rate of inflation into the indef-

inite future.
This is brilliant. It sends a clear signal to motorists and car manufacturers that motoring is going to become more and more expensive - and that therefore they should opt for more efficient, less polluting cars and/or drive less.

. But it is also deeply flawed, for there is no guarantee that any of the extra money raised will be used to make alternatives - such as telecommuting, car sharing and public transport - more attractive.

And there are other, equally valid calls on this money. Some could be used to subsidise the clean-up of bus exhausts. Com-petition and cost-cutting have turned them into some of the dirtiest vehicles on our streets. Some could be used to pay.a few hundred pounds to jalopy drivers to scrap their filthy old hanger and buy a new car with a catalytic converter. That is which suspect cars are pulled one move, pioneered in France, over by local council environ-

car makers. Third, set higher rates of

vehicle excise duty for cars that produce more pollution. There is no absolutely fair and precise way to do this, but the easiest would be to use bands of fuel consumption figures as the basis. Gas guzzlers should be charged at least three times as much as the most economical, cleanest vehicles which make up 25 per cent of the car ficet.

The rate should be set at zero to encourage ultra-green vehi-cles such as electric cars and Greenpeace's cleaned-up version of the Renault Twingo. This would encourage manufacturers

just one-off prototypes.

Fourth, intensify the mild, sporadic clampdown on old, dirty cars with badly tuned engines and no catalytic conproduces the majority of the pollution. What is needed are frequent roadside checks, in

ment health officers, emissions checked and fixed penalty fine notices issued along with a demand for an

engine re-tune. But the Government insists that only traffic wardens and policemen should be allowed to stop cars. They are already kept busy by their existing duties, and are loath to assume extra responsibilities for stopping dirty cars. The Government needs to promise the police the extra resources to allow them to do this.

Fifth and finally, we should continue to make it less and less attractive for firms and employees to run company cars as a jobs perk.

These are the kind of measures needed if we are to civilise the car and start to break our over-reliance on it. Sticks have to be accompanied by carrots. Most drivers will then change both their outlook and habits, not just because of the money but because the new taxes and incentives signify what is socially

John Gummer's new strategy is a good starting point, says Derek Osborn

quality strategy signals a new phase in the perennial battle to keep our air pure and healthy. The great causes of the past - pollution from fac-tories and from domestic chimneys - are becoming a smaller, tractable and a declining part of the problem. It is now pol-intion from vehicles which is centre stage because they produce roughly half of our air pol-lution, and for some types of pollutant they are by far the greatest contributor

The air quality strategy breaks new ground in propos-ing standards for the maximum level of each main poliutant that ought to be tolerated, and a strategy for meeting those standards by 2005. It gives a clear account of what we know about the health and other damage these pollutants can cause, and the costs this imposes on the economy which is of course also a measure of the economic benefit we shall obtain by eliminating or reducing the pollution.

What then must be done? The strategy proposes a mix of action, focused at one end on international and European action, and at the other on local action. It is ubvious why we need a European policy for air quality. Air blows about over the whole continent, and the pollution blows with it. But the need for a common European policy on a subject is no guarantee that the states of Europe will agree one - witness the repeated failure of states including the UK to agree and uphold a rational and sustainable common fish-

eries policy.

For air, bowever, we have been able to make common cause with our partners - in eastern as well as western Europe - to achieve major improvements. Recent reports from the European Environment Agency show reductions of 27 per cent in sulphur dioxide, 17 per cent in carbon monoxide, and 10 per cent in nitrous axide across Europe in the past five years.

Good progress, but much more needs still to be done to meet the target standards. And for road traffic the projections show that the sheer numbers of extra vehicles coming on to the streets will overwhelm the benefits of catalytic converters in a few years' time, and air quality will start to deteriorate again unless tighter standards are introduced or patterns of movement altered.

The European Commission's recent proposals to improve fuel standards and tighten up vehicle emissions after major joint studies with the oil and motor industries will be a critical battle-ground. Already there are squeals of anguish from the motor industry. But if we want cleaner air, this battle will have to be fought and won. The air quality strat-egy is a good rallying point. Also striking is the docu-ment's emphasis no local

the Government's air councils and its determination to equip them to adapt air quality policies and measures suited to local conditions. In some parts there are few sources of pollntion. In others there are all too many. In some areas there may be a higher tolerance of some level of pollution as the price of a vital economy and jobs than in

It makes good sense for local anthorities to establish the appropriate trade-offs. It is refreshing to find a government document that embraces this whole-heartedly, and seeks to give councils powers to estab-lish their own solutions.

There will be those who say that the Government is propos-ing to give power withant resources to local government, and is handing it the most dif-ficult and contentious problems of resolving conflicts which it does not itself know how to solve. But it would be a great mistake to write uff the strategy in this way. If the task is real and the political demand for local action is there, powers and resources must eventually

The strategy is only a draft. It now needs contributions from across the spectrum to fill it out, and to turn it from being a document that belongs to the DOE to one that is fally supported by the Department of Transport and the Treasury, by local government and the Environment Agency, by business and industry, and by local We need to press un with

improving the emissions from industry and complete the remaining programmes of domestic smoke control. We need vigorous action to enforce existing standards on vehicle emissions. We need programmes in clean up or phase out filthy nider buses and taxis that beich out diesel fumes bad name. We need much more vigorous experimentation with vehicles. We need a much more determined effort to link planning, traffic management and public transport in a coherent way which gives people a gen-uine and viable alternative to using their cars.

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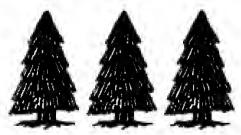
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Only in this way will we have a strategy that animates society, and helps to bring about a real difference to nur environment. This latest document could be a good starting point.
The key test will be the abil-

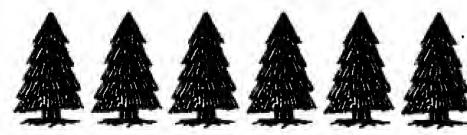
ity of the Department of the Environment and the Department of Transport to make common cause. It is many years since they were joined in a single department and now they are moving into physically separate buildings. Our future air quality - and many other environmental goals - depends on the two working together.

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# Major's knights of the retreating army

the Saatchis to the peerage has obviously puzzled many people, judging from the faxes, letters, e-mail, phone calls and suicide notes which I have received in the past 24 hours. It has obviously puzzied the Tory party as well, judging from the fact that Mr Michael Portillo was hauled out to defend this round of peerages, and when Mr Por-tillo is hauled out to defend something, that is a sure sign that it is indefensible.

My feeling is that in one sense the creation of Lord Saatchi is a good thing, as it gives encouragement to all those who have odd names. The British have always been quite good about accepting people with exotic names (Portillo, Rifkind, de Savary, etc) but even they have found Saatchi a curious arrangement of letters, like an unfortunate Scrabble hand. It seems to have no obvious derivation. It isn't an anagram of anything. It almost looks as if it has been made up by an ad agency ...

for quite clearly no one gets a peerage for having an unusual name, otherwise we would by now have Lord Boateng in the upper house. To get at the mystery of Lord Saatchi and Lord John Gummer's Brother, we have to go back to a man called Bernard Hollowood, who was editor of Punch when I joined the magazine. Unlike Malcolm Mug geridge, his predecessor, Hollowood was a convinced socialist and indeed when I oined Punch Bernard Hollowood was highly delighted at the recent election victory of Harold Wilson.

"At tast," he said to me, "at last the chance to introduce a hit of socialism into this country. As long as they hold their nerve. And as long as they

"As long as they don't try to be nice. Whenever a left-wing government gets elected, they spend the first few months convincing people that they are nice, gentle, caring people, not savage monsters. It's a ter-



Miles Kington

rible mistake. By the time they get round to seriously trying to introduce their policy. it's too late, because they are already caught up in a cur-rency crisis, or hudget crisis, or national strike or something. What a socialist government must do is introduce big changes from day one. They must do as much damage as soon as possible otherwise they will never get the

chance again."

He must have been disappointed by Wilson's govern-ment, which did not exactly abolish public schools and private wealth at any time. He may, bowever, have been warmed by Mrs Thatcher's

methods, if not her policies, when she did as much damage as possible to the trade unions' power as quickly as possible in the first few months of her tenure. Maybe John Birt, in his youth, read something by Hollowood which prompted him to do as much damage as possible in the BBC when he first arrived. I think, too, that Hol-lowood would advise Mr Blair

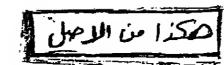
to have a ruthless few months when he gets elected, for which the British public have already been prepared by the recent Tory ad campaign showing Blair as a devil. Blair should also bear in mind Quentin Crisp's analysis of the difference between Reagan and Thatcher. "They both wanted to rule the world, which is natural for a politician. But Mr Reagan also made the mistake of wanting to be liked, a mistake which Mrs Thatcher never came near making..."
But there is also a corollary

to Hollowood's idea, and that is the afterthought which says: "If you are going to be voted out soon, if you are soon going to be an ex-government, now is also the time to do as much damage as you can." An incoming army can do what it wants, and so can a retreating army. it's only an occupying army that sometimes bas to

hehave itself a bit hetter. There is a good chance that the Tories will soon be evicted quite naturally they are behaving as a retreating army does, blowing up railway lines, looting the treasury and making things difficult for the next lot. The Tories aren't actually blowing up railway lines, they are just privatising them, but the effect is much the same. They are not actually taking national treasures from the Tower of London, just awarding themselves and their sup-porters vast windfall pay rises. but it smells the same to the

rest of us.

If anyone asks why Mr Saatchi is soon to take his place as Lord Saatchi, all I can say is that the Tories are following the old adage: "Gather ye knighthoods while ye may".



Ou're going to Bayreuth?" said the German woman beside me on the plane, "Bul why?". For the Wagner Festival, I explained, It's, er, quite famous. Ahruptly her expression changed. "I know this! Of course I know the changed. "Iknow this! Of course I know the festival. But you mean you have a - a ticket!" Yup, I said, in the stalls actually. "Whatat?" she demanded. "Why have you a ticket? I can have no ticket. For six years, I have tried, I have applied, I have begged and no ticket comes. But you you

and no ticket comes. But you, you ... Germans take Bayreuth very seriously, very sacramentally. Wagner arrived in his adopted hometown in 1872 and the Fest-consilhant began uncertains for the properties. spielluus began operating four years later. It has played only his stuff ever since, to increasingly rapt and religious audiences. Imagine: 120 years of the Ring cycle and Die Meistersingers and Tristan und Isolde and nothing else. The place is simply marinaded in High Germanic style, tremharmaded in Figure Germanic style, trem-hly with Teutonic respectfulness. Why, the very walls probably stand there humming the Ride of the Valleries when everyone's gone home.

The first thing you see outside the Fest-spielhaus – its sweet frontage of primary-colour flowers surmounted by severe brick-work and cruciform embellishments, the work and cruciform emocinisments, the very image of a church – is a gang of Wagnerites holding pieces of cardboard displaying the words "Suche carte – 1) Tristan 2) Meistersingers". These are the hardcore fans, desperate for tickets and unwilling to 1) wait six years, or 2) become British journalists, in order to get them. They'd rather



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Surviving the stifling purgatory of the Ring cycle at the Bayreuth Theatre requires more than good bladder control

side the auditoria in which their heroes were playing, and pray to crystals for free tickets); but if not, they'll bribe you. One pleasant hausfrau got as far as offering the seat price of 210 deutschmarks (£100) plus commission, when from nowhere a weird, waxen-faced musicological loon swooped

like a seaguil, eager to double it.

By 3pm, they'd become a small army, including an older would-be auditor whose cardboard sign read, "Suche carie aus beste categorie". (None of your crummy back-of-the-stalls rubbish bere, danke.) Oddly enough, there were no tonts. Fashion-plates, however, were out in force. As we milled around the haus in the sunshine,

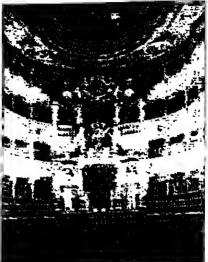
you just handed over the tickety gold-dust out of human warmth (just as drugged-up Grateful Dead fans used to congregate outsnimmery olamante – kneet-length jackets encrusted with rhinestones, padded shoulder objets flickering with sequins, Fortuny tunics glimmering with lame whatsits. All this gleaming Rhinemaiden chic looked extraordinarily solid, like designer granite. And the oddness of the hour made it all seem bizarrely mistined – the old German counters in first stelle and sold should distribute the cold state. countess in fur stole and gold-chain clutch-bag unfurling from a diplomatic limo, the volcanically fat china-doll blonde squeezed into hlack midnight lace and bombazine, the severe horse-faced Brunhilde in the Mondrian-rectangle skirts, all were night creatures meant to be seen fleetingly by

faces like Toby jugs, like English faces but more focused, stronger and harder.

It was virtually 10pm when we finally emerged, stunned and gasping, from the pressure cooker of Bayreuth. You don't stay inside all the time - the bratwurst-and-beer intervals are an hour long - but it's as close to imprisonment as I ever want to get. Inside the mile-wide auditorium, there are no aisles - you file towards your seat from either wall. Woe betide anyone who wishes to leave thereafter, whatever your level of boredom, claustrophobia or bursting bladder. And as the lights go down, and the minimal stagecraft performs its mesmeric trickery on you, you realise there's a kind of war on here, an I'm-being-more attentive-than-thou battle among the devotees. Fearing that my lunch might lead to

embarrassing siumbers, I slipped some Wrigley's spearmint in my mouth to keep awake during the overture, and was forced to desist seconds later by the horrified gasps from my neighbours. Moved by the protracted love duet in Act II, I surreptitionsly nibbled a fingernail. Immediately there were sharp intakes of breath from my left. It was like something from an HM von und zum Bateman cartoon. I briefly fantasised about taking a mouth organ from my breast pocket and emitting a blast of
"The Blaydon Races". Instead, I waited
until his nerve broke in Act III and be
finally emitted a tiny throat-clearing grunt, at which I swivelled through 90 degrees and went "Ohl" like a dowager confronted by lamplight, not in plain view at four in the afternoon. Vivid European faces went by, a streaker. That's the trouble with Wagner omes ... operatic.

The Treff hotel chain, in one of whose hostelries I stayed, is a remarkable operation: a classy hotel company which goes out of its way to avoid any personal contact with guests. You carry your own bags. Their morning wake-up call eschews the human voice in favour of a Euro-pop ding-dong-ing. Instead of packs of guest soap and bot-tlettes of shampoo in the bathroom, they



Bayreuth: the Mecca of Mitteleuropa

at close quarters. The silliest behaviour offer upside-down liquid containers. At the serve-yourself breakfast, the coffee is already sitting on your table in a Thermos. If you fancy a late snack, there's no cheery room service, just the minibar. But the most egregious display of don't-bother-us thinking is a sign on the wall accompanied by an ideogram of a tree. "Dear guest," it reads,
"Try to imagine how many tons of bath towels are washed needlessly every day in all the
botels of the world – and the staggering amount of laundry detergent that is released into the environment as a result. Please ... hang the towel on a rack if you wish to use it once more and help us use a little less

the commentators

Very handy, that German letter  $\beta$  that stands for "ss" in words like Schloß and Ringstraβe. It looks oddly pleasing, with a fat and lordly dignity like a lethargic pig that has sat abruptly down upon the hissing snakes of the twin S's. It radiates a stolid finality. I think we should adopt it, and use henceforth a capital B where we used to have a double-S. It would solve a lot of prob-lems. The homeless would lose the pathos of their lot in being merely homeleB. How evocatively neighbours could complain, "Damn it, your cat has made a disgusting meB on my lawn". Pastidious adolescents would tell each other, "That is just totally grob, Clive". Imagine the ignominy of working for a lob-making enterprise. And would not the concept of eternity, so dear to German hearts, be amusingly undercut when it became "endleBneB"?

# Why the new aliens are a force for unity

For once Hollywood is right. We can conquer

So the aliens we choose are indicators of our cultural condition. The life on Mars imagined - that is, for the moment the right word - by Nasa scientists is tiny, bacterial, suitably

prion and the molecule. We could not have found

he swallowed by a small dog. But, for aesthetic convenience, we usually imagine their badness inspires a world-wide, concerted human effort as us. That way they can be nice to defeat them. This goes



"Die!" This is good news for fatal miscalculation of scale, to doorstep, Joe Six-Pack will

know exactly what to do.

of the past 30 years of movie sci-fi. Close Encounters of the Third Kind and ET were both about aliens of supreme, lovable goodness. Even in the shoot-onts of the Star Wars trilogy, the baddies are human while the vast menagerie of

aliens are, for the most part, weird but nice. Indeed, the cists of the evil empire are only finally defeated with the aid of a woodland tribe of teddy bearlike woodland creatures. There is an early form of

political correctness at work here - a benign alien plurality evidently evokes a henign racial, religious and sexual plu-rality. And it is noticeable that Independence Day tries to avoid the potential incorrectness involved in hating aliens by ensuring that the American side consists of a carefully tossed racial salad.

As a result of those earlier global hits, the cuddly alien has become an icon of our time represented in comics, toys and on TV. Of course, there were alternative movie visions, notably in the Alien trilogy. But the conflict with that monster was a significantly private drama, essentially a sophisticated acting out of sexual traumas. The benign, often foetal-like alien, from 2001 onwards, was intended to provide a warm, glowing message of hope to the world as a whole.

What, then, do the evil aliens

exceptionalism.

But I think the laughter indiof vulgarity - a crude, lazy sophistication - is lagging

ican idealism. For what this film is really about is a nostalgic yearning for a real, unarguable enemy. The Cold War, of course, provided such an enemy. In its early days this was simply the Soviets - Invasion of the Bodysnatchers, in 1956, used silent, hidden alien invaders as a metaphor for silent, hidden communist subversives. Lat-

behind the latest twist in Amer-

terly the enemy became a more generalised sense of a human failure to overcome our conflicts - in Close Encounters and ET the ideal, harmonious alien life is contrasted with our own life of petty division and brutality. Indeed, the hero of Close Encounters in effect boards the space ship as a way out of a bad marriage. No wonder the aliens

without either clear enemics or easy, ideological rationales for our divisions. Our guns are pointed at nobody, the American hero has become a cowboy against those earlier alien searching for extinct Indians. It's no good trying to imagine an ideal alien order, because, now, this should be ideal, but it is not. Conquering big conflicts doesn't work because little ones

start up all over the place. The alien saga must there-fore reinvent the big, systemic conflict. But this is not against an economic theory, it is against an uncompromising, predatory civilisation. A book by Harvard Professor Sam Huntington, to be published later this year, will speak of a "clash of civilisa-tions" which will supersede the old wars between ideologies and nation states. Well, one

Unlike the prices of the

rollerblade manufacturer, ris-

ing prices across the economy

(inflation) can become self-

perpetuating. As workers and

managers expect prices to go up across the board, they put

wages up, too - rather than

simply producing more. Infla-

control. Raising interest rates - as the Bank of England is

now recommending – increases the cost of borrowing (and of

mortgage repayments) and

stops consumer demand grow-

ing faster than the economy

without investing all those years

acquiring an economics quali-fication. For some, taking the

degree will still be a sensible

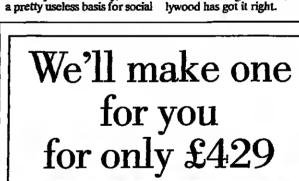
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can cope with.

is on the big screen.

I think this is good news because, though *Independence* operas, it resurrects the idea of evil. A warm, beneficent glow is all very well in its way, but it's

world has remained divided step ahead of Harvard, here it order. Evil exists and it's not going to be wished away. If the infinite sentimentality, ephemerality and ingenuity of Hollywood decides that the fashion now is in favour of uniting us against evil, as opposed to drifting dreamily away from it, then, for this fleeting moment, Hol-





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one evil, but another will take its place

either a mirror in societies imagined in Star Trek are always ill-disguised aspects of our own - or These creatures, with satanic, il is a hlank sheet upon which we write our aspirations and anxieties - the hope for harmony, the fear of the intruder.

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these traces had we not first heen concentrating on the microscopie. Another age might have found planet or are, like Saddam Hussein or galaxy-sized life forms. But we Gaddafi, beyond negotiation. are not looking for that. Indeed, when James Lovelock asks one captured alien what proposed his Gaia hypothesis – suggesting that the Earth itself was, in some sense, a giant living system - he was at once ridiculed by the molecularly inclined mainstream. So there was some real wil in the joke of the novelist Douglas Adams the even better news is that, one about a mighty alien invasion on one, these aliens can be flect that launched an assault killed with old-fashioned handon Earth only, because of a guns. If one turns up on his

nomics we see on television or

jargon, the only alternatives

seem to be to give up on eco-

nomics altogether or to invest

several years studying it, as

plenty of teenagers are about

to do this autumn. But the

DIY economist need not give

up. There is a pathway

between the extremes, which

starts from the economic deci-

sions we each make, and the

economic consequences that

Every day we make trade-

offs, choosing to spend our limited time and money in

different ways. Firms decide to

make rollerblades rather than

computer games, to set the

same price as their competi-

tors or to under-cut them.

Individuals decide to buy

tomatoes or lettuce, to work or

to study. Economics is the

study of these decisions; what

the textbooks call "the alloca-

Of course, our decisions are

tion of scarce resources".

flow from them.

Faced with such mysterious

read in the paper.

xtraterrestrial life is or nasty in recognisably human ways. And the good news is that which we see our-scives - those alien societies imagined aliens are nasty again. Inde-pendence Day, the hit sci-fi movie of the moment, is all about extremely nasty aliens. goat-like legs, are pure preda-

BRYAN APPLEYARD

tors. They roam space seeking out suitable planets where they can wipe out all life and exploit the resources that remain. They When the American president we can do for them, the only response is the unhelpful American audiences as they like their killing to be justified by the knowledge that the bad guy is beyond redemption and on one, these aliens can be

So they are just plain bad and

of Independence Day mean? Well, apparently, different things on different sides of the Atlantic. I saw the film in America, where the andience applanded wildly when the good guys finally cracked the alien defence system. Over here, I gather, audiences have been falling about in embar-rassed laughter at the crude patriotism of it all, notably at the president's pallid, vernacu-lar version of Henry V's speech before Agincourt. And the climactic conceit that, from now on, 4 July will be not just America's hut the whole world's Independence Day is just too vulgar a display of American

cates that our own native form

were seen as foetal innocents. But, since the Cold War, the

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has worked by responding to In practice of course, many markets aren't as smooth and simple as this. If companies have monopolies of a market they behave very differently. In fact, wherever access to information is limited or unbalanced, the rollerblade example starts to come unstuck. Take insurance companies. They invented no-claims bonuses, exactly because they can't keep tabs on us out on the road, and they fear that insurance cover will encourage us to be reckless (since we don't have to foot the bill for damages). Much of modern micro economics explores everyday situations like these, which

but for economists, the market

Macro economics isn't far removed from our normal lives either, for all the confusing language. For example, as most home-owners know, house prices are starting to rise again. Interest rates are low, so borrowing is cheap; all mall it looks like a good time to buy. But suppose we all get too cheerful and confident, start borrowing money and spending it fast on new houses and consumer goods, so that house builders and firms can't keep up (just as the rollerblade manufacturers

don't fit inside the traditional economic decision. Fascinated by the subject, keen to work out where real economic power lies, they may see the debts incurred studying, or the missed opportunity to study James Joyce, as a small sacrifice com-

pared to the long-term gains. But those for whom money matters might do well to think again. Most professional economists (bar a few pundits in the City) work in the public sector or in universities - hardly lucrative fields. A better economic decision might be to glean your economics from newspapers and books, and couldn't): prices across the economy will start to rise. invest your time studying law.

not just affected by financial costs and henefits. Our interhen the monthly inflation (or unemployment, or output,

ests, talents, expectations, morality, class background or countless other economic) even government policy - all have an impact on the choices statistics are released, all ears turn to the pin-striped City economists for analysis. Inflawe make. Good economics stretching its talons into sociology, politics, and occasiontion down, interest rates up, the pound down, the markets ally psychology, too — should be able to take these things puoyant, unemployment falling consumption rising: such is the stuff of the ecointo account.

Economists also try to explain the overall outcomes of these many individual decisions - using models to simplify the complex interactions that are taking place. And the one model they use more than anything else is that of supply and demand. Take those rollerblades. If

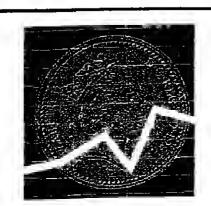
rollerblades suddenly become fashionable, demand goes up. Suppose that the firms can' produce them fast enough to keep up; new hlades are scarce, and prices rise. In the short term, only those who are rich enough or determined enough will be prepared to pay such extortionate prices, and in economists' language, "the

market will clear". However, since making rollerblades has become profitable, firms will compete to produce more, supply will go up too, and prices will fall again and moderate enthusiasts will be able to afford blades after all. The knees and elbows of the nation will be bloodier;



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TransCo dispute: Company claims that watchdog's revised transportation formula is 'savage by anyone's standards'

# Gas prices row set to end in **MMC** referral

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CHRIS GODSMARK **Business Correspondent** 

The bitter dispute between British Gas and Ofgas, the mdustry watchdog, appeared to be moving headlong towards a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission yesterday after the company attacked a revised package of price controls for the pipeline business. TransCo.

The regulatur, Clare Spottiswoode, insisted she had "backed down" over some elements of her original formula in response tu British Gas's unprecedented publicity offensive, which resulted in 25,000 angry letters to Ofgas from small shareholders

But British Gas's deputy chairman, Philip Rogerson, said the value of the concessions was "minimal", and would still result in between 8,000 and 10,000 redundancies. He described the revised controls as "thoroughly disappointing" and "savage by

anyone's standards".
The final proposals would cut transportation charges, which account for almost half of domestic gas hills, by 20 per cent from next April, That is at the bottom end of the 20 per cent to 28 per cent range outlined by the regulator three months ago. It would knock £28 off an average bousehold bill of £325.

Prices would increase over the following four years by 2.5 percentage points less than inflation, compared with reductiuns of 5 percentage points in the previous formula, making a

total cut for consumers by the end of the price regime in 2001-2002 of £55. An average small business customer would save around £860, or 13 per cent. In consumers will benefit by £3bn.

The price cuts received a warm welcome from the Gas Consumers Council. Its director, Ian Powe, said: "Ofgas has now redressed the balance between 2 million shareholders ... and 18 million consumers now revealed as having paid nearly 10 per cent over the odds to fund British Gas's wealth."

British Gas has until 7 October to agree to the controls, or face a almost certain referral to the MMC. Ms Spottiswoode said she was "not going to change anything of substance". She explained: "I feel very strongly that we will win ... if it went to the MMC." However, British Gas said it hoped the six week consultation period would leave room for further negotiations.

Hopes of a compromise boosted British Gas's share price, which ended the day 6.5p higher, at 204.5p. But gas analysts were gloomy about the chances of avoiding a lengthy and expensive MMC inquiry. Rod Maclean, from stockbrokers ABN Amro Hoare Govett, said: "I don't think she has giv-en much ground. I still think this goes to the MMC.

Ofgas said it had made two changes in the revised proposals. One was to allow TransCo to spend an extra £27m a year on its emergency service which deals with gas leaks. Rebutting compromise safety standards, Ms Spottiswoode said her pro-posals bad satisfied the Health and Safety Executive.

In addition, the regulator has added £700m to the value of TransCo's asset base, on which it will be allowed to earn a 7 per cent rate of return. The new asset value of £11.7bn is above the original range of £9bn to £11bn, because Ofgas has dropped a plan to clawback depreciation paid by British Gas on past investment.

But on the more fundamental area of disagreement, how much room TransCo should be allowed for depreciation in future years, the gulf remains as wide as ever. British Gas wanted to be able to charge de-preciation on the entire £17bn book-value of TransCo's assets. Ofgas says it can only depreciate the reduced £11.7bn regulatory" asset value.

Ms Spottiswoode, flanked by Doctor Eileen Marshall, Ofgas economist and the main author of the review, argued that on British Gas's assumptions consumers would be paying for investment twice. She said she was confident her approach was consistent with that taken by other utility regulators, and by the MMC's investigation into British Gas in 1993, which recommended that the company should be broken up.

But this argument only deepened the rift with British Gas. "I reject utterly the claim that MMC's 1993 findings," said



He said "softening" the price cuts from 5 percentage points below inflation in May's proposals, to 2.5 percentage points less than inflation, would only give TransCo an extra £400m in five years out of total revenues of more than £16bn. "I'm quite

Mr Rogerson. "She is wholly in-

Implacable: Clare Spottiswoode of Ofgas said, 'I feel very strongly that we will win' clear that the economic effect

> added Mr Rogerson. Richard Alderman, an analyst at NatWest Markets, said the price controls still implied a big reduction in TransCo's dividend payout to shareholders when the husiness is split aff from British Gas next year.

of the change is minimal,"

"There's no way you can physically avoid cutting the dividend and the management look like they're going to stand up for shareholders' rights," be said.

There was a mixed reception to the changes from industrial users. The managing director of a large gas supplier, who de-clined to be named, said: "I'm

pleased that Ofgas hasn't done a complete about-face on this, despite all the pressure.

However, the Energy Intensive Users' Group, was disap-pointed the regulator had not gone for price reductions of 28 per cent next year, at the top of

#### **Spending** dip takes City by surprise

NIC CICUTTI

Claims of a runaway consumer spending boom were dented yesterday by data showing that retail sales underwent a surprise 0.6 per cent drop in July.

The fall last month followed a 1.4 per cent rise in June, tak-ing the year-on-year growth rate to 2.2 per cent, said the Office for National Statistics.

A Treasury spokesman wel-comed the figures and claimed sales were "on an upward trend". But many City econo-mists, who had been expecting a small rise, were surprised by

They added that the figures would strengthen arguments by the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, for a further cut in base rates in the run-up to the General Election next year.

Jonathan Loynes, UK econ-omist at HSBC Greenwell, said: The figures will help to ease fears of a return to a 1980s-style consumer boom and will pro-vide useful ammunition for Mr

Clarke."
The Office of National Statistics' data showed British shoppers were feeling the benefit of cheaper mortgages costs, tax cuts and rising incomes after years of tough pay restraint.

High spending on expensive bousehold items in particular, up 3.8 per cent in the year to July, suggested consumers are feeling more confident about the future, largely thanks to higher real incomes as tax and interest rate cuts hit home; Spending on household items was fuelled by the recovery in the housing market.

However, other analysts said a rate cut based on one month's fall in shop sales would be risky strategy and the Chancel lor might then come under pressure for a politically-un-popular rate rise before the general election.

Alex Garrard, UK economist at UBS, the Swiss banking group, said: "We are inclined to view the monthly drop in retail sales as an aberration.

"[It] reflects a rebound from the extraordinarily high level of retail activity in June, which was somewhat artificially boosted by ing and footwear sales and spending of overseas visitors lover) here to watch the Euro 96 Foothall Championships."

One economist suggested that if the Chancellor were to insist on another rate cut, there would be another clash with Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, who is im100

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placably opposed to a reduction.
The two men disagreed in June when rates were cut by 0.25 of a percentage point to 5.75 per cent, with the Bank of England warning that strong consumer spending might mean

inflation picking up next year.

Despite hopes of further interest cuts belping share prices, the FT-SE 100 index fell back 11 points from its record high the day before, to 3,872.1 by

#### BNFL in \$600m US contract

MICHAEL HARRISON

The state-owned nuclear waste reprocessor BNFL was yesterday celebrating its biggest ever overseas order - a \$600m (£387m) contract to clean up a huge nuclear site built originally as part of the United States arms programme.

BNFL is part of a fivemember consortium awarded a Sobn contract to treat, store and dispose of nuclear waste at the massive Savannah River site in South Carolina, which was used to manufacture weapons grade plutonium from the 1950s.

The contract, awarded by the US Department of Energy, brings the amount of work won by the group's US subsidiary BNFL Inc. to almost \$1bn since its formation six years ago. BNFL Inc is already a member of a consortium awarded the clean-up contract at the Rocky Flats site near Denver, Col-

orado, worth some \$56m a year. The other members of the consortium chosen for the Savannah River project are Westinghouse. Bechtef and Bancock and Wilcox. Apart from waste recycling and treatment, BNFL will also provide technical sup-

port and personnel. In recent years BNFL has been targeting the US, Western Europe and the Far East for export orders as a strategy to reduce its dependence on the nuclear power generator British Energy, privatised a month ago. Graham Watts, BNFL's

international group director, said: "Last year we were named as Britain's fastest growing exporter in an independent survey. Our performance this year demonstrates that uur growth record will continue."

# GWR poised to take control of Classic FM

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

GWR, the quoted commercial radio company, is ready to take control of Classic FM, one of four national radio stations in the UK, sources close to the

company said last night.
A deal that would see GWR
huy a 33 per cent stake in Classic, currently owned by Time Warner, the US media giant, could be announced as soon as tomorrow. GWR already owns 7 per cent of the station.

John Spearman, the head of Classic FM, cut short his holiday, and returned to London yesterday. His position is rumoured to be in danger, as sources indicate he may step down following the buyout. There is a possibility that GWR will also huy out minority shareholdings in Classic FM, owned by Capital Radio and both of which hold substantial proved disastrous, undercut-

growing dissatisfaction, particularly at DMGT, about Classic's ill-advised foray into Europe, notably in Sweden.

It is believed that DMGT has been behind the moves to position GWR as the controlling shareholder. The media group, which publishes the Daily Mail and the Mail on Sunday, has recently decided to concentrate on radio as a prime acquisition target, following a relaxation of the rules governing cross-media ownership. It is also a player in local television, as owner of

Channel One, the cable-exclusive City TV" station in London. Classic FM has been a success in the UK, and is one of four national services - the others are Virgin, Atlantic 252 and Talk Radio - to win licences from the Radio Authority. But the in-

ting the contribution to earnings The moves are linked to from the core UK service.

GWR is one of the fastest growing regional radio groups, and most recently took management control of London News Radio from Reuters, the financial information giant.

It has never been awarded a licence by the Radio Authority under the new licensing round, despite many attempts, hut has been growing by acquisition, at bome and abroad. Its chief executive, Ralpb Bernard, is tipped to become chief executive of Classic FM. If the deal goes through, GWR will control a national licence for

the first time. Capital Radio, now thought to be a takeover target follow-ing the passage of the liberal-ising Broadcasting Bill, had no comment on the plans to re-structure shareholdings at Clas-Daily Mail & General Trust, ternational expansion bas sic FM. Speculation bas been tising market in Greater London. | cause there will now need to be



chief's position in doubt

growing that Capital, which owns the leading commercial radio station in London, could be taken over by DMGT, which publishes London's Evening

Standard newspaper.
The new broadcasting rules would allow DMGT to take over Capital, despite the fact that they share the national adver-

#### Talks fail to defuse Refuge merger row A row threatening the proand others. posed £1.4bn merger between Refuge Assurance and its rival United Friendly looked no clos-Mr Woodford added that

er to heing resolved last writes Nic Cicutti: Senior executives from both in-

surace groups held a lengthy meeting yesterday with Perpetual, a leading Refuge shareholder which is opposed to the Neil Woodford, income fund

manager at Perpetual, said that while the meeting had been cordial, he still had to make up his mind on the issues at stake. "The meeting at our offices

in Henley-on-Thames was lengthy and very detailed," Mr Woodford said. "The other sides put their case very forcefully and we have some very important decisions to make in the next week or so.

"I do not want to prejudice things by saying how I feel about things at the moment besome discussions with analysts

during the meeting he was left in no doubt that John Cudworth Refuge chief executive, and George Mack, United Friendly's current finance director and chief executive-designate in the merged insurer, both strongly believed in the benefits of the deal to both shareholders ad pol-

shares, still needs to be satisfied about those benefits before it would vote in favour of the merger at a special meeting of shareholders next month. Neither Mr Cudworth nor Mr Mack could be contacted for comment yesterday. The wrangle betwen Perpet-

But Perpetual, which owns

about 7 per cent of Refuge

ual and Refuge centres on the exact proportion of the £500m of so-called "orphan assets", which are attributable to sharebolders before the merger with

#### United Friendly takes place. | close of trade yesterday. : French firm may buy third rail franchise

#### If you see Fritz, tell him it's time for 'T' The tempo is about to step up will be the second biggest in the world after the flotation of the the 1980s. Priority will be given Iapanese telecoms company

INTEREST RATES

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Europe's biggest ever flotation, the DM15bn (£6.5bn) sale of shares in Deutsche Telekom. was launched yesterday with a campaign to tell Fritz, Sid's German counterpart, all about the joys of popular capitalism, writes Michael Harrison.

Up to 40 per cent of the shares are being set aside for the retail offer and, in the style of UK privatisations, small investors are being tempted to apply with a host of incentives. In format and presentation, the Deutsche Telekom self-off is barely distinguishable from those of British Gas and BT in

STOCK MARKETS

to investors who register with the equivalent of the share information office and retail investors will be eligible for a discount to the price paid by insti-tutions in the international offer.

The marketing campaign accompanying the offer is also familiar, if a little less inventive than the British campaigns on which it is styled. The campaign began with posters and television commercials of people holding their arms aloft in the shape of a T to signify that this is the year of the T (or Telekom) share offer.

with a series of advertisements fronted by Manfred Cook, a well-known German television actor whose most famous portrayal is of a Berlin lawyer - a sort of cross between Perry Mason and Inspector Morse. Germany has seen nothing like it since the early 1960s when the public was invited to

huy shares in Volkswagen. But Deutsche Telekom is in a different league. ing in late November, the com-

NTT in the mid-1980s. So far, 1.5 million individuals have registered with the share information office to be sare of their discount on the first 300 shares, expected to be

priced at around DM33. It is no coincidence that the similarities are so striking be-tween the Dentsche Telekom flotation and the UK offers of the When the shares start trad- last decade. The company's financial adviser is Rothschilds. pany will be capitalised at an old hand at privatisation, and £32bn to £39bn. The share sale the PR advisers are Dewe Roger-

son, who have looked after more UK privatisations than anyone, most recently the Railtrack and British Energy sell-offs.

For them the timing could not be better. The UK privatisation

programme may have reached an end, but, on current planning, tt will take Germany's government until 2006 to dispose of Dentsche Telekom. That should ensure a bealthy stream of fee in-come for the global co-ordina-tors, Dresdner bank, Goldman Sachs and Deutshe Morgan Grenfell, not to mention the 65 members of the German and in-

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#### company CGEA could gain control of the whole former Southern Region of British Rail, one of its senior executives said yesterday at the announcement of its successful bid for South Eastern Trains.

The company, operating under the name Connex, now has

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR

Transport Correspondent

The French-owned transport

control of two of the three main companies making up the old Southern Region, Britain's largest commuting area, as it already runs the Network SoutbCentral franchise. South Eastern covers services to Kent, part of south

chise is for 15 years and inrequirement of the terms of the franchise set by the franchising director, Roger Salmon. The first of the new units will be in service by 1999

At the launch yesterday the Connex vice-chairman Antoine Hurel said that if the South West trains franchise - the third part of the old Southern Region - came on the market, "we would bid for it". SWT is now controlled by Stagecoach but the company's hid for one of the rolling stock companies added.

(Roscos), Porterbrook, raises the possibility of the regulatory authorities making it divest the SWT franchise.

Mr Hurel also threw the whole issue of the future of the rolling stock market into further confusion. He said Connex had examined the way in which would acquire its new trains and we have decided that, at the moment, the best method is to form our own Rosco". However, now that the bid

for South Eastern trains bad been confirmed. Connex would train manufacturers to see if a better deal emerged. If such a big new order did not go to the existing Roscos, it would put a London and is the neighbour-ing franchise to Network SouthCentral. The new fran-

Connex will receive £125.4m volves the purchase of 125 in subsidy to run South Easttrain sets at a cost of £400m, a eru, compared with BR's present subsidy of £120.8m. But the amount will tail off over the life of the franchise, at the end of which, in 2011, Connex will make a payment of £2.8m to the franchising director.

South Eastern is not allowed to merge with Network South-Central but Mr Hurel said that there would be joint use of administrative systems, logos, ticketing services, and hranding. All tickets between the two would be interchangeable, he

### business



# The Ofgas climbdown gives very little away

Plare Spottiswoode may sometimes ! come over a hit like a giddy schoolgirl, iust aching to show the boys in the top class that she cannot be pushed about, but her handling of the TransCo price review promises to be an object lesson in how to get your regulatory way.

The final set of proposals that the director general of Ofgas sent across to British Gas yesterday is as cleverly constructed a package as we are likely to see. There is surely art in the way it manages to convey the impression of climbdown while actually giving very little away.

Certainly the markets appeared to have bought the manoeuvre, greeting the news of a nice fat £30 off gas hills next year by propelling British Gas shares briefly to their highest level since the onset of the regulatory shakes in May.

Ms Spottiswoode has listened to British

Gas, and a host of other representations, and concluded that her May proposals were indeed too ghastly for shareholders to contemplate. So she has cut the one-off reduction in charges from 28 to 20 per cent, softened the price reductions thereafter from 5 per cent to 2.5 per cent, and raised the regulatory asset base on which TransCo can make a return and charge depreciation from a bottom of the range £9bn to just short of £12bn. And finally she has decided that

olies and Mergers Commission?

Well, if you add up the Spottiswoode concessions, they actually amount to not a lot. In total they will allow TransCo to earn some £400m more than it would have been allowed under the May proposals - not very much when you are looking at a revenue stream of some £16bn over the course of

the five year price control formula. However, in two important areas Ms Spottiswoode has probably done enough to stay out of jail should the MMC be called on as final arbiter. She has demonstrated that her proposals on depreciation do not amount to a clawhack of past profits. And she has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Health and Safety Executive and British Gas itself, that ber controls on operating expenditure will not compromise

safety. British Gas now has until 7 October to decide whether the MMC is likely to offer shareholders a better deal. It is hard to imagine that it will. The prospect, meanwhile, of a long and exhaurting inquiry is hardly the distraction that a business wants when it is hreaking itself in two and fending off an assault on its captive markets at the same time.

The belligerent noises coming from the

would be to accept.

Philip Rogerson, the British Gas deputy chairman who has led the side in the battle with Ofgas, would he deeply and fatally embarrassed if, in the end, the company hacks down and accepts what is on offer. After the way he has railed against the pro-posals, he cannot now credibly admit that British Gas can live with them afterall. But then Mr Rogerson, a decent man in a difficult joh, is expendable. He appears not to have a future in either of the two com-panies created when BG does the splits, or at least not one that has been publicly announced. It is all two likely that Mr Rogerson will be one of the casualties of British Gas's last stand.

There's not much happening, and it is still the silly season, so invention seems the only course. Here's the game - fantasy takeover. The rules hardly need explain ing. The idea is merely to come up with a credible takeover proposal. The client in this case is Bernard Arnault, chairman of the French luxury goods giant LVMH. He owns more than 20 per cent of Guinness (not fantasy this, he really does) and he's very unhappy with his investment. Most of

gets only 7.5 francs a pound for his in-

But his unhappiness is more than this. In recent years Guinness shares bave severely underperformed and though nobody disputes that this is anything other than a well managed and highly effective company, there is no doubt that its main products and markets are mature ones, that the company isn't really going any-where. So what can Mr Arnault do ahout it? The obvious answer is to take advantage of the stength of the franc while it lasts

and bid for the company.

When LVMH first linked with Guinness under Sir Anthony Tennant, this would have been an impossibility for Guinness was by far the larger of the two companies in terms of market capitalisation. Today the positions are reversed. Furthmore, Mr Arnault has tidyed up his empire and many of the doubts that existed in capital markets over his allegedly Maxwellian tendencies - a penchant for moving assets around the empire without regard for the interests of outside shareholders - have

From the retiring, very private tycoon he once was, Mr Arnault is transformed into France's most high profile husinessman. He's close to President Chirac, who's a TransCo should be able to earn a 7 per cent rate of return, a level which compares stance of Ms Spottiswoode might suggest that the two are inevitably on track for the favourably with other regulated monopolies.

British Gas camp and the implacable this unhappiness is nothing to do with Guinness. It is to do with the strength of the sucker for Mr Arnault is sucker for Mr Arnault is sucker for Mr Arnault first of top French fashion and drinks. Hardly

So why is British Gas cutting up so rough and threatening to storm off to the Monopand threatening to storm off to the Monopcool contemplation. The wiser course francs and more for every pound. Today he newspapers, Mr Arnault would have no difficulty in raising the necessary finance to hid for Guinness

The deal could in any case be made virtually painless by selling Guinness's brewing interests to the likes of Anheuser-Busch. Taking into account the proceeds of this sale and his existing Guiness stake, Mr Arnault could probably acquire control of the core scotch whisky and spirits husiness for an outlay of not much more than £5bn. Just fantasy? Well maybe, but not so incredible as not already to have carnt investment hankers a fee or two.

Intriguing to see "wealth creation" cited by the Government as a main reason for Maurice Saatchi's elevation into the House of Lords. What on earth could ministers be thinking of? Maurice may or may not have created a fair amount of wealth for himself, but for most City investors it is for services to "wealth destruction" that he will be chiefly remembered. The undoubted genius of Saatchi & Saatchi in the 1970s was used as a spring board in the 1980s for a period of profligate spending and hubris that was to result in a quite spectacular loss of shareholder value. The truth is that Maurice lost the City a packet. Any wealth created was squandered. Ministers may still be under the illusion that Maurice is a "wealth creator", but hardly anyone else is.

# Milk wholesaler agrees to OFT prices shake-up

The battle over wholesale milk prices, which has soured relations between the dairy companies and Milk Marque, abated vesterday when the industry's wholesaling body gave assurances to the Office of Fair Trading that it would modify its milk-selling system.

The director general of Fair Trading, John Bridgeman, said he would not now refer the supply of milk to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission but would "monitor the situation closely". He added that he would not hesitate to take further action should it prove necessary.

such as Unigate and Northern Foods have complained bitterque pricing structure, saying it fails to reflect supp mand and results in higher prices for consumers.

Currently, the system allows prices to rise when there is an excess demand for milk but does not provide for a corresponding fall in prices when there is a demand shortfall.

The big change is that if Milk Marque receives a bid for less than 90 per cent of the milk on

offer it will lower the price and

hold a further round of hidding. The changes will not come into

gave a "cantious welcome" to the changes though adding that it would need to see how they worked in practice. The Federation's John Price said some of the principles lacked detail and other points were still unclear. "It's a step forward but we will need to see how it works in practice before we give the changes

our wholehearted support."

Mr Price said that the OFT's statement did not address Milk Marque's monopoly over the transport of raw milk. Dairy companies feel they should have the option of providing their own transport arrangement if it can be shown that their systems ly about the existing Milk Mar- are more efficient that Milk Marque's.

> rose on the news. Unigate shares closed 10p higher at 432p. Northera Foods put on 3p at 205p. David Hallam, an analyst at the broker Williams de Broe, said: "There is now a mechanism

tions show it would do so under

normal circumstances." He

added that in the current

Shares of big dairy companies under which milk prices can go down when the market condi-

should go down".

force until next April. Both the Northern Foods The Dairy Industry Federation chairman, Christopher Haskins, and the Unigate chairman, Ian Martin, have attacked the Milk Marque price structure, regularly giving vent to their anger at its results presentations, "There has been a fairly concerted effort by all the major milk processors. This is a result of that," Mr Hallam concluded.

The Government deregulated the milk markel in November 1994, sweeping away the old Milk Marketing Board system in a move which sent milk prices sky high.
The Dairy Industry Fed-

eration made a formal complaint to the OFT at the time of deregulation that Milk Marque was abusing its dominant position in the milk market to inflate prices. The leading dairies have been

battling against a sharp fall in doorstep sales of milk as a growing number of households opt to buy cheaper milk at supermarkets. Doorstep sales have fallen by around 16 per cent on last year. Both North-ern Foods and Unigate have taken radical action to restructure their milk husinesses, including the closure of many bottling climate of over-production of

# Mersey Docks says dispute may drag on

TOM STEVENSON

The Mersey Docks and Harbour Company is meeting Bill Morris, general secretary of the Transport & General Work-ers Union, later this month in a bid to resolve its long-running dispute with 329 former dockers it sacked at the end of last year. Mersey warned, however, that it held out little bope of striking a compromise deal with the workers who have already rejected an offer of £25,000 a head severance pay.

The ongoing costs of the dis-

pute, together with escalating losses at Eurolink, a passenger and freight ferry service be-tween Kent and Holland, lay be-hind a 17 per cent fall in pre-tax profits at the port operator in the six months to June. The company said yesterday that it had taken the decision within the last month to close the passenger side of Eurolink, which started only two years ago, and attempt to sell the remaining freight operation.

Gordon Waddell, chairman, said Mersey Docks was keen to resolve the running dispute at Liverpool Port because it was thought likely to jeopardise the company's attempts to attract new husiness to the port. Earlier this summer, Mersey's largest container customer, Atlantic Container Line, transferred its custom to Thamesport, although it subsequently returned to Liverpool, giving Mersey what one analyst described as "one last chance".

The dispute started when 329 Mersey employees refused to cross a picket line set up by 80

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workers at an independent stevedoring company who had lost their jobs. Mersey sacked the whole workforce and replaced them with new staff who, it claims, are working up to 45 per cent more productively.

lnitially the company made an offer to reinstate 100 of the men and pay the rest £25,000 in compensation, but it withdrew its offer when ACL moved its trade to Thamesport. Despite the return of ACL last month, the company now says there is

no prospect of it re-employing any of the sacked workers. Although the dispute cast a cloud over Mersey's interim figures, they were hit much harder by a £4.5m loss from Eurolink which was the largest fac-

tor in a decline in group prof-its from £16.8m to £13.9m in the half year. Earnings per share fell from 12.6p to 10.7p. The dividend, reflecting the company's belief that this year's problems were mainly one-offs, increased

10 per cent to 4p (3.65p). The company pointed to increased competition on the Irish Sea where sharp price

crosion led to attributable loss es of £633,000 at Merchant Ferries, in which Mersey has a 50 per cent stake. But it said the core port operations at both Liverpool and Medway continued

to grow.
At Liverpool, total port car-go handled increased by 800,000 tonnes to 15.1m tonnes. Investment column, page 20

#### IN BRIEF

• USAir, 25 per cent owned by British Airways, has applied for permission to serve London's Heathrow Airport from Boston, Charlotte, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. In its filing the group cites the need for competition in the US-UK air transport market in view of the proposed alliance between British Airways and American Airlines. The airline states it would provide the only US flag competition in each of the four cities to the service to be provided by the proposed BA-American alliance, which would otherwise have total dominance in these markets. USAir claims its route network makes it "uniquely suited" to give consumers effective choice on schedules, prices and levels of service between almost 200 US cities and the UK. It strongly supports the US gov ernment's efforts to secure an open-skies agreement with the UK

• Pan American Airways could be taking to the skies again. The US Transportation Department issued an order this week concluding that the airline is "fit, willing and able" to resume ser vice. The department can expect objections from families of those who died in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie. Scotland in 1988. A jury ruled in 1992 that Pan Am was responsible for allowing a bomb abourd the flight. The new managers insist that they plan a new airline, and say they plan to stress safety. The new Miami-based airline purchased the Pan Am trademarks from the former liquidated company. The new Pan Am proposes services to New York from Los Angeles. San Francisco and Miami.

• Marley, the plastics and building materials group, warned that recovery in the UK housing market remained anaemic. "We are seeing some signs of slow improvement in July and in the first few weeks of August, but there is some uncertainty about it and notway is confident enough to say it will now take off, "said chief executive David Trapnell. Marley raised interim profits from £24.1m to £63.2m after including a £42.6m gain on the sale of its automotive plastics operation earlier this year. Operating profits rose only 3 per cent, despite a bounce back at Syroco, a US plastic garden furniture maker acquired last year. UK roof tile volumes fell by nearly 15 per cent in the period and South Africa Investment Column, page 20.

• Jarvis Hntels has acquired the hotel trading as Holiday Inn Gatwick East from the Scandic Hotels Group for £8.62m cash.

• Rolls-Royce has won a £60m order for Boeing aircraft. United Parcel Service has chosen RB211-535 engines to power five additional Boeing 757 aircraft, raising to 40 the package carrier's total number of Rolls-Royce powered 757s on firm order.

• Able UK is creating up to 400 jobs at a new oil and gas rig recycling plant. The Teesside Environmental Reclamation and Receding Centre, the first of its kind in Europe, is being huilt on a former construction yard in Hartlepool.

• Rentakil Group has appointed Brian McGowan, non-executive chairman of House of Fraser, and Robert Napier, chief executive of Redland, as non-executive directors. Mr McGowan will also join Rentokil's remuneration committee. City Diary, page 20

 Highland Distillieries chief executive, Brian Ivory, has been appointed chairman of Macallan-Glenlivet, replacing Allan Shinch.

## UK firms face councils crisis

TUC list of 40 without EU works councils

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BARRY CLEMENT Labour Editor

Some 40 top British companies face legal action unless they set up a European works council within the next month, according to the TUC.

The companies, many of them household names, are alleged to have ignored European legislation which will orce them to establish systems to consult their workers.

The TUC cites British Aero-space, GEC, Grand Metropolitan, Thorn and Vickers as mong the companies who have failed to negotiate works councils. John Monks, General Secretary of the TUC, concedes

that many of the companies

may be seeking to establish structures without union in-

colvement, but he points out that most of them recognise the A European directive coming into force on 22 September stipulates that all organisations with 1,000 employees in the European Union with at least 100 in two countries must set

up works councils. Owing to the

opt-off from the Social Chap-

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ter of the Maastricht Treaty, British workers do not have to be included in the count or involved in the consultation Mr Monks said yesterday

WPP Group

that unless the 40 companies began to negotiate seriously with employees' representatives they would face the im-

position of a standard model for negotiating a works coun-cil structure. The TUC said that while British workers can be excluded from the conneils, no company has yet registered its intention to do so.

The TUC calculates that the directive applies to 114 British companies, 20 of which have

now reached formal agreement with trade unions. A further 41 are either negotiating or consulting with the unions about an establishment of a council. Another thirteen are believed to be moving towards agreement on a works council

Mr Monks said: "Time is running out for the 40 compa-nies who seem to be refusing to have anything to do with a works council structure. There will be no hiding place from the European directive after 22 September. The UK government is powerless to protect them from its decisions.

"Voluntary agreement clearly offers the best route for UK management and companies from every sector have been happy to negotiate appropriate arrangements in advance of this deadline."

Under the European leg-islation organisations can tailor the consultative procedures to their own needs if they reached agreement hefore 22 Sept-

After that date special negotiating bodles have to be set up which will operate within

stringent European laws.

### New Look plans to open 200 stores

NIGEL COPE

New Look, the womenswear retailer which abandoned its stock market flotation two years ago. is planning to open 200 more stores over the next five years, taking its total to more than 500.

The rapid expansion pro-gramme will take the group's to-tal store numbers from 333 to around 530 at the rate of 40 new openings a year. It would make New Look one of the largest fashion chains in Britain along-

side Dorothy Perkins, part of the Burton group, which has more than 400 hranches and 100 in-than 400 hranches and 100 instore concessions.

However, the company has no immediate plans for a fresh try at a stock market floration after the problems in 1994 when its £150m float was pulled at the last minute due to a weak new issues market and a lukewarm reaction from investors. Gavin Aldred, a director, said:

seek a flotation until next year. BZW Private Equity and Prudential Venture Managers paid £170m for 70 per cent of New

Look in January. The remaining equity is held by directors and management including founder Tom Singh. Tony Col-iyer, the former Allders finance director, is to join New Look in -We bave no immediate plans a similar role next month. but we have institutional in-Last year New Look opened

70 stores, though has decided that figure was too high. The group is looking to open more stores in London and bopes to have around 30 stores within the M25. Mr Aldred says the ceiling for UK stores is 550-600 though it has plans to expand ahroad. There are 19 New Look out-

lets in France and its first German store opens next month. Last year the group made op-erating profits of £24m on sales of around £180m. It expects sales over £250m this year.

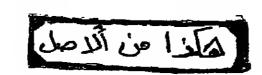
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# Marley's record remains patchy

Marley has spent much of the 1990s attempting to free itself from the UK building cycle and after stashing costs at the roof tiles to plastics group it has focused its attention on expanding its overseas operations, particularly the plastics business, at the expense of the

still difficult home market.

Last year's £88m acquisition of
Syroco, the leading maker of garden
furniture in the US, and a £22m plastics buy in Australia and New Zealand, along with the decision in March to dump the European automotive plas-tics business, have radically transformed the group. The results have heen obscured by a swathe of excep-tional items but, even stripping out one-offs, the recent record remains patchy and profits remain well short of the £70m they reached in 1988.

Yesterday's interim results to June were no exception. Reported profits of £63.2m, up from £24.1m, were inflated by a £42.6m gain on the disposal of the automotive business. Leaving that aside, underlying profits sank to £20.6m from £24.1m, hit by higher interest costs and a mixed bag of results from the operating divisions.

The near-10 per cent drop in new

housing starts in the home market cansed most of the damage. Building products in the UK, where Marley has strong positions in roof tiles, aerated concrete blocks and paving, had a thin time, with concrete tile volumes slipping by close to 15 per cent. The problems were compounded by last year's prolonged winter, which also hit the General Shale bricks business in the US, and operating profits from the group's concrete and clay products division accordingly sank from £9.6m to £4.4m.

The latest clear signs of an upturn in the second-hand housing market must eventually feed through to new build. But plastics, up from £14.4m to £21.3m in the half year, remain the backbone of the business, with nearly all the growth there due to last year's acquisitions.

The Australian business added around £500,000, while Syroco, which was only in for three months last time, raised its contribution from £2m to £7.6m. That is a welcome bounceback after a dismal second-balf performance, but, with sales flat, bad more to do with the return of PVC prices to more reasonable levels.

An air of mystery hangs over the group's involvement in plastic chairs, which remains a commodity business, despite Syroco's 25 per cent market share. It puts a question mark over the strategy of further expanding the plastics business overseas, particularly given that current gearing of 29 per cent could give firepower of up to £150m. THE INVESTMENT COLUMN capacity coming on stream will have. If Mersey makes £33m this year and £40m next time, the shares, down 11p

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Profits of £50m in the full year would put the shares, up 2p at 125p, on a for-ward multiple of 12. That looks cheap against the market, hut given the residual doubts is about right.

#### Mersey pays the price of dispute

Mersey Docks has a good ports business, operating in a growth market, although it did its best to disguise the fact in the six months to June when profits fell 17 per cent to £13.9m. The running sore of a dispute with sacked dockers and the cost of a foolish foray into ferry services to Holland did the damage and will continue to do so until a compromise can be agreed on the former and a satisfactory withdrawal

ferry line, the £600,000 legal cost of the unresolved row with the 329 dockers the company sacked last year and £900,000 in one-off severance costs, and seen how much of an impact the new

profits actually moved ahead by a useful 15 per cent in the core ports busi-ness. Total throughput in Liverpool was up 6 per cent with good performances across the board from oil to general car-go and containers, although the company worries that a continuation of the dispute could hit new business. The Medway ports appear to have dis-proved the Jeremiahs who predicted hat the Channel Tunnel would wipe out its business.

The problem at Mersey is the same as that afflicting all port operators who get bored running a relatively simple business and think they can improve returns hy trying their hand at something else. Hence the silly attempt to protect £1m of docking fees at Sheerness by taking on a passenger and freight service that was closing down.

Running ports is a natural geographical monopoly whereas operating negotiated from the latter.

Strip out the £4.5m loss recorded by the Eurolink Sheerness to Vlissingen

shipping services, as P&O and Stena have found in the Channel, is open to competition from any Tom, Dick and Harry. Mersey has made headway on vals have twigged and it remains to be

Trading record	1993	1994 — Fullyear ~	1995	1995 Half	1996 year —
Turnover (2m)	622	687	7.14	853.	365
Pre-tax profits (£m)	-2,0	58.7	46.3	24.1	63.2
Earnings per share (pence)	4.5	- 15.0	10.2	SAFE	15.8
Dividends per stare (pence)	4.15	4.64	4.70	2.10	2.10
Operating profit First half 1996. Australasia 14%	11SA 48%	220 — 200 — 180 — 180 —	re price	pencs	

MARREY AT A GLANCE

Market value: £422m, share price 125p

to 404p, trade on n prospective mul-tiple of 17 falling to 13. Given the re-maining uncertainty surrounding the Liverpool dispute, a question mark over the final cost of the Eurolink withdrawal and doubts over Irish Sea profits, there is better value in AB Ports

#### **EW** Fact thrives on competition

The onset of competition in the central London market for accountancy tuition has had a galvanising effect on EW Fact, the market leader. The arrival in 1994 of Professional Accountancy Training, a minnow in the world of accountancy education, sent prices plunging by two-thirds and cut class sizes by over a third. Fact's profits went through the mangle, but last summer it merged its two competing colleges to form AT Emile Woolf Colleges. slashing staff costs by £1m and slicing around £200,000 from the marketing budget by cutting ont duplication.

The results are clear from yesterday's half-year results to June. Profits bave soared from £272,000 to £932,000, out of which a restored interim dividend of 0.9p is being paid.

Fact's move to match its rival's

prices has added 7 per cent to volumes in the first balf, while it was able to lift its prices by up to 50 per cent in January. But that is only half the story. The group's efforts to diversify over the past few years are starting to bear fruit. While professional courses remain the core of the business, raising prof-its from £660,000 to £827,000 in the half year, three other business areas now represent a quarter of group profits.

Business degrees are the group's second most important activity. Meanwhile, a contract to supply study materials to the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants should underpin the fledgling publishing operation.

Suresh Tanna, who is taking over as chairman from the group's epony-mous founder Emile Woolf, reckons accountancy training profits will fall to around 40 per cent of the total in a couple of years. That should put the group on a firmer footing and full-year profits of close to £1.9m would put the shares, up 6p at 81p, on a forward p/e of 12. Standing only a few pence above their 1988 flotation price, they are not to be chased too far, despite the lowly rating.

### Rentokil's non-execs are in a different league

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK

Rentakil's chief executive Clive Thompson is rightly proud of his "Mr Twenty Per Cent" nickname, earned by his company's success in boosting earnings per share and pre-tax profit by 20 per cent a year over the last 14 years. Now Mr Thompson has ap-

pointed two non-executive directors with rather different recent records. The new nonexecs are Brian McGowan, chairman of House of Fraser and former chief executive of

and former chief executive of Williams Holdings, and Robert Napier, chief executive of Redland.

While Mr McGowan had a sparkling career at Williams, and retired in 1993 "to go fishing." House of Fraser's progress since its listing in progress since its listing in April 1994 has been less happy. It floated at 180p and

now stands at 172p. Mr Napier's Redland was finally forced to cut its dividend in 1994 after years of saying it wouldn't, and its share price over the last five years has gone steadily south

against the market. Meanwhile L John Clark, former chief executive of BET, is persisting with his claim for £3m from Rentokil, following the latter's successful hostile £2.3bn takeover of BET No doubt today's interims from Rentokil will assuage any worries over these developments.

Nick Knight, market strate-gist with Nomura, clearly got carried away writing his latest note: "Footie: The new emerging sector."

"Like a small tremor heralding major seismic activity, the earth recently moved for a few lucky fund managers. Holders of Manchester United plc now on the reserve list for the Mid 250 - will know what we mean. Football is not so much coming home as coming of age, and has a long way to go in a stock market context before the final whistle." Time for the cold sponge for Nick, I think.

simple, with all the excitement that implies. Brian Marber, one of the ber is "widely respected. Our City's leading technical anamain worry was getting him lysts for 20 years, bas teamed through the SFA exams, but up with financial bookmakers he is so distinguished he has

Civil engineers aren't boring – it's official.

No wonder Emma Leahy of Alexander Gibb & Partners and

Miles Delap of Robert West Consultancy are celebrating. They

can go to dinner parties with renewed confidence. Our road

and bridge builders have been the butt of endless ribbing over

the years due to being listed under "Boring" in Yellow Pages.

any character defects civil engineers may or may not possess.

The Institution of Civil Engineers got heartily fed up with
the joke and in May lobbled Yellow Pages for a change in their
listing. From September they will be Civil Engineers pure and

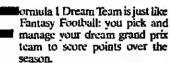
This heading refers to tunnelling, of course, rather than to

IG Index to manage currencies for 1G's chients This is a first for Mr Marber, who runs his own technical analysis firm, Brian Marber & Co. He has never previously managed money in the currency markets. "No one has ever asked me before." However, he has known IG's head, Stuart Wheeler, for a long time. "He persuaded me to give it a go. Mr Wheeler stresses Mr Marber will not be placing bets. IG set-up a foreign ex-

change dealing operation earlier this year, and some clients have asked for a management service. Mr Wheeler says Mr Marbeen exempted".

Talk about "drunk old hacks baffled by figures". For journalists who had to wade through the Ofgas press conference yesterday, the explanation of how they calculate TransCo's \*regulatory asset base" was particularly riveting. Ofgas regulator Clare Spottis-woode claims she is "rock solid" on this subject. Hardly surprising then that no sooner had the event finished than a queue of confused journos formed at the feet of an Ofgas economist. "What is the regulatory assel base?" pleaded one. And, he added gingerly. what exactly is TransCo?

WIN a drive in a grand prix car



Even though the grand prix season is underway, it is not too late to join in: pit your wits against other enthusiasts and you could win our prize for the Belgian Grand Prix. The champion of the 1996 grand prix season will win our overall prize, a drive in a Formula One car.

Your team must comprise three drivers, a chassis and an engine; your budget is £40 million. Make your selections from the grand prix shopping list tprinted right); the only restriction is that your third driver must come from the £1 million category.

Details of how to enter are given on this page. Remember, there are prizes for the winning Dream Team in each individual grand prix so you can enter a different team for each race.

#### **HOW YOU SCORE**

Points are awarded per race to the top six tinishers, hased on the Formula One World Championship points scoring sys-tem (10, 6, 4, 3, 2, 11 but with an extra 10 points awarded to each of the top six fin-ishers. All drivers are eligible to score for a top six finish but can also notch up extra points as follows:

 The fastest driver in race-day warmup will collect six points, with five for the second and so on down to one point for the sixth quickest.

 Drivers score one point for each place they make up over their grid posi-tion. Points are not deducted by losing

 Five points are lost if your driver posts first retirement, four for second down to one point lost for the fifth retirement. • If your driver makes the quickest pitstop tfrom the entry of the pitlane to the

exit) you gain five points. If your driver sets the fastest lap time in the race, you gain five points. tf your driver receives a stop/go

penalty, you lose five points.

If your driver starts on pole position. you gain five points.

The Independent will name a Driver of the Day after each race for a

particularly impressive performance, worth five points. Non-qualification for a grand prix toses you two points. If a driver is on the FIA's published starting grid hut fails to



#### Plus prizes to be won with every grand prix

The Brown Team memorer with the highest area a drive in a 65thing Fi car. You will be flown to the A65 team's training school in the south of frames for the most exhibit nionce of your life. The school specialises in F1 courses and provides all the recovery and instruction you will need for a day driving FI and other single sout cars.

take the start, no points are lost. Drivers removed from the results for any reason lose all points gained that weekend. Any driver not competing in a grand prix weekend scores no points. Chassis score and lose points in the same way as drivers for a top six finish or any early retirement. The score is based on the first chassis home of that particular manufacturer. Likewise, only the first chassis retirement will count if they are both among the first five to

Engine rules are the same as the chassis rules, without the retirement

DREAM TEAM registration: 0891 89

en Grund Prix will win a hip or two to the Suline Green Print Your three-m is us well us the grand prix itself

HOW TO ENTER Choose your Dream Team from the shopping list on this page. Remember, you must choose three drivers (the third from the £1 million section), one chassis and one engine. You must not exceed your

budget of £40 million.

Give your team a name and register it by ringing 0891 891 805. You will immediately be asked the entry question: How many races are there in this year's Formula One World Championship?

To enter your Dream Team details you can use one of two methods. Method I uses a tone phone that lets you

BELGIAM GRAND PRIX PRIZE

key in the code numbers of your driver, chassis and engine choices. The computer will check that your team falls within budget and is eligible.

Method 2 uses a non-tone phone and you give your details verbally. A hudger check is not possible using this method. When you have registered your Dream

Team, you will be asked to predict the number of points this year's champion will notch up over the year. In case of a tie at the end of the season, the nearest figure to the champion's points will win the top prize. In the event of a further rie, the team that registered first will win. Once you have registered your team you

will be asked for your name, address and telephone number. Your team selections plus your personal details will be played hack to you and, when you confirm that they are correct, you will be given a PIN

This is confirmation of your entry and will enable you to access the score check-

There is no limit on the number of teams an individual can enter, but only one team can be registered per call.

CHECKING YOUR SCORE You can check your team's position at any time by calling 0891 891 806 and quoting your PIN number. If you want to know

the individual driver, chassis and engine scores from the most recent race, call 0891 391 807. This line will also list the Top 50 Formula One Dream Teams. 1. All telephone calls are charged at 39p

per minute cheap rate, 49p per minute at all other times, with a typical call to secure your entry lasting between five and 2. The deadline to be included in a par-

ticular race is midday the Friday prior to that race. 3. The judge's decision is final, no correspondence will be entered into and there

is no cash alternative for prizes. 4. Employees of Newspaper Publishing Plc, Haymarket Publishing Ltd and all associated companies and their families 5. Entrants must be 18 or over and resi-

dents of the UK or the Irish Republic.

6. To he eligible for the main prize, you must hold a current driving licence, be no more than 1.95m tall and weigh no more than 220lbs. 7. All scores will be worked out accord-

ing to the official FIA time sheets produced at the meeting. The values stated for drivers, engines and chassis bear no relation to real life. 3. In the event of a tie for the Dream Team

Top Prize or for any of the individual race prizes, the team that registered first will

9. For lost PIN numbers please call: 0891 891 808. For our Helpline call: 01275 344183. 10. The Top 50 Teams Line, lists the top

50 teams from the last race. Both the Team Position Check Line and the Results & Top 50 Teams Line will be updated at 2 pm on the Monday following a race.

#### **Shopping List**

40 Benetton

43 McLaren

44 Sauber

45 Jordan

46 Ligier

47 Tyrrell

48 Arrows

49 Minardi

ENGINE

51 Renault

52 Ferrari

53 Mercedes

54 Peugeot

55 Mugen

56 Ford V10

57 Yamaha

59 Ford Zetec V8

60 Ford ED V8

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3 D Hill £20m 4 G Berger £15m 5 D Coulthard 6 E Irvine

7 J Villeneuve £13m 8 M Hakkinen 9 H H Frentzen

10 M Brundle 11 R Barrichello 12 J Herbert 13 M Salo 14 P Lamy

15 P Diniz 16 U Katayama 17 J Verstappen 18 O Panis

19 L Badoer 20 R Rosset 21 A Montermini 22 G Fisichella\* 23 V Sospiri\* 24 T Marques\*

25 F Lagorce\* 26 H Noda\* 27 T Inoue\* 28 M Blundell' 29 J-C Boullion\* 30 K Brack\*

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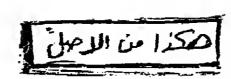
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September 22 Japanese October 13 Belgian GP but





TEAM POSITION CHECK LINE: 9891 891 866 RESULTS & TOP 50 TEAMS: 0891 891 807



# market report/shares

DATA BANK FT-SE 100 3872.1 -11.1 FT-SE 250 4387.4 +2.1 FT-SE 350

Lucas Industries and Varity, after an eventful courtship, should marry in peace this week. Already Lucas share-1937,4 -4,2 holders have approved the deal and resounding support is expected from Varity investors SEAQ VOLUME tomorrow.

644m shares. 32,834 bargains Gilts Index

SHARE SPOTLIGHT



The long Anglo-American engagement was often ruffled by rumours of a counter-bid, with US and German predators, as well as our own GKN and TI Group, said to be anxious to barge into the cosy The creation of the world's

for an embarrassingly brief period, emerged as a declared second largest brakes manu-facturer will create another upheaval in the blue chip Footsie The creation of Lucas Varity bas allowed Lucas chief executive George Simpson to depart to General Electric Co, leaving the way clear for Varity's Vicdustrial materials group, was unceremoniously dumped to accommodate the Thorn EMI tor Rice, who has been holding evestment meetings with Lon-The £3bn Lucas Varity com-

This week Cookson, the in-

binatioo will stake an auto-

matic claim for Footsie

don institutions, to take charge of the merged group.

Lucas shares edged forward
1p to 241.5p in occasionally
brisk trading. They have been
as high as 254p this year.



MARKET REPORT

Lucas merger with Varity set to go ahead peacefully

DEREK PAIN Stock market reporter

of the year

predator. It, too, found a new

British Petroleum remained unsettled as stories swirled of

a big line of shares - various-

or 30 million - on offer. Al-

though there was no evidence

of a significant placing the shares at one time fell to 622p; they closed 1.5p off at 627.5p.

share was British Gas following the Ofgas review. The price rose 6.5p to 204.5p with Seaq putting turnover at 30.3

Dairy shares perked up as Milk Marque agreed to Office of Fair Trading price demands.

high, up 11p to 743p.

the futures market and a New York pulled lower by technology shares combined to hinder progress and Footsie ended 11.1 down at 3,872.1.

The supporting 250 index, bowever, remained on the uproad, building oo its remark-able run with a 2.1 advance to 4.387.4 - its sixteeoth gain on

Drugs were in fine fettle as those bewhiskered bid stories about Zeneca continued to circulate. The shares gained 11p to 1,514p, a peak. Smith-Kline Beecham also found it-self pushed into the bid limelight with Roche, the Swiss

BAT Industries again felt the weight of US litigation with a 10p fall to 446p, large-ly reflecting beavy ADR Zeneca, named as a likely

J Sainsbury dipped Sp to 399p following a £10m profit downgrading to £750m by NatWest Securities; National Westminster Bank was lowered 15p to 674p as SBC Warburg changed its stance from buy to Railtrack lost its recent ex-

nberance, off 7p to 248.5p as dividend buying was over-shadowed by profit taking. Retailers were caught by the lower than expected July sales figures; Marks & Spencer fell 6.5p to 492.5p and Kingfisher

8p to 650p. But signs of a hous-ing revival lifted Carpetright 21p to 581p. Ladbroke, still independent

Northern Foods added 3p to 205p and Unigate 10p to 432p. Robert Wiseman put on 3p to

201p, anticipating figures oext week. The shares are near their 12-mooth high and speculation continues about the intentions of Hiltoo Hotels Corporation, the US group which wants to unite the Hilton hotel spread. At the moment HHC has the US rights with Ladbroke the international claim. Bass, with its soap opera bid for the Carlsberg Tetley

brewing group still unresolved, is thought to bave lost interest in the betting to hotel chain. Chieftain, the insulation group, gained 9p to 50p on take over hopes; Pillar, the property group, added 9p to 178p. It has beld investment meetings and

Universal Salvage, a vehicle salvage group, beld at 268p. Chairman Cliff Bassett has sold shareholders sold 1.1 million.

James Capel is said to be

despite the heavy betting on a bid, cantered 4p ahead to group, is attracting another tion. There are persistent stories in the travel industry of a deal with Carlson, a US holi-

TAKING STOCK

days and hotels group.
It could be structured on similar lines to the Airtours/ Carnival Cruise alliance when the Americans took a near 30 per cent interest in the UK's second largest holi-

days group. Inspirations rose 3p to 139p; the shares were 91p in

Luminar, with 18 discotheques and 14 Chicago Rock Cafes, has enjoyed a mouth-

watering market run. Floated at 200p in May the shares gained a further 14p to 337p. The group has an impressive record and could

membership. Most at risk are Courtaulds, the chemical group, and Southern Electric. Shares of the newcomer are The stock market charged to due to start trading on 6 Sep-tember and should become a new trading high with the FT-SE 100 index at one time up 11.2 points at 3,894.4. But it Footsie constitueots on 23 group so often linked with quickly ran out of steam. Weak

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# Politics and taxation are objects of undue speculation The improved packaging and tabelling of economics for mass consumption is welcomed by: It is an unfortunate side effect that ECONOMIC VIEW ECONOMIC VIEW ECONOMIC VIEW

L consumption is welcomed but it is an unfortunate side effect that the upcomiog Budget and general election will lead to an unusual amount of shallow economic commentary in the months ahead.

Comments are too ofteo couched in a way that might unnecessarily worry individuals with investments to make. This is a shame as the outlook for the UK economy and the background for investment in UK as-sets is favourable.

This point is illustrated by considering the two main topics of conversation in the next few months politics and taxation

First, politics. Real or supposed political turmoil is good copy, prompts healthy debate and is an excuse for inaction in financial markets. But is politics really a problem for the UK's financial markets? Analysis of both domestic and international factors leads one to think oot.

Internationally, a strong case can be made that economic policy in all other major countries is being more influenced by political factors than is so in the UK. The awkwardness of the stances of the respective gov-

ernments can be seen almost daily. There are examples from the US and Japan, but it is on the Continent that the problems are greatest. The ecocomic prosperity of France and Germany is heing subordinated to the political aim of mooetary union. loaction io the face of record levels of unemployment is pursued in the name of an European vision.

In France, the future of the Bank of France's independence (granted only in 1993) is being questioned in a way that was unimaginable a few months ago.



SIMON BRISCOE

The future of its governor is also in the balance. Not only has be to conteod with the rumour mill of the petites phrases, but there is a storm cloud gathering from the inquiry into the Crédit Lyonnais episode. All this could be too much for a man from

the "wrong" political faction.

A oew bank governor with a different political agenda would clearly have the opportunity to follow new economic policies, whatever they are. In Germany, recent weeks have seen confusing messages from the various government members over

interest rates is irrelevant in comparisoo with the uncertaioties

The UK's new policy framework

There is a greater degree of openoess and accountability in the UK than in any other country. So much so that no other country can have its own equivalent of the Ken and Eddie show because the information -

Real or supposed, political turmoil is good copy - and is an excuse for inaction

mean tax cuts to voters (who have a general election vote to cast in 1998) and tax increases to financial markets which want to see fiscal pru-

dence ahead of mocetary union. Bundesbank council about the course of interest rates. They are not one happy family and, despite all the talk of independence, they are memory.

thing from the UK's monthly Keo and taxation are the object of far and Eddie interest rates show miles behind. A quarter per cent on or off when most changes involve just tin
to would find it hard to resist the call for higher rates. He would have first step", "all that can be afforded", and offering jam tomorrow.

the prospects for tax "reform". Reform is simultaneously meant to lished minutes from meetings—is not

not make more of the new policy structure. He has never clearly and fully set it out. It is a shame, as fuller It is also strongly suspected that knowledge about it would give busi-there are disagreements with the nesses, consumers and investors nesses, consumers and investors added confidence. The chance of a reckless boom-bust policy in the UK is less now than it has been in living

largely political appointees.

This brings me to the second of bisputes of this scale leave anythe topics, the Bodget. Fiscal policy This brings me to the second of thing from the UK's monthly Keo and taxation are the object of far and Eddie interest rates show miles more speculation than is merited,

rective action following the recession, that budgets really matter.

The impact of any Budget tax and spending changes this year will be modest compared with the underlying pressures in the economy of, for example learning to live with low inexample, learning to live with low in-

flation and joh insecurity.

Budget changes will also be small compared to the hand-outs resulting that has been put in place since sterling was bundled out of the Exchange Rate Mechanism in 1992 is fundamentally different from what before.

Compared to the hand-outs resulting from the building society conversions, some £20bn plus, in a two-year period. Will consumers even notice £2-3bn of tax cuts? These would represent less than half-a-per cent of total consumer spending and barely one-quarter of the handout due next year from the Halifax conver-

> The budget is usually now little more than an exercise in public re-lations. It is almost certain that this year's Budget will be described as "a typical pre-election hudget". The same budget a year later would in all probability be described as "a typical post-election budget".

most notably clear targets and pub-lished minutes from meetings – is not available.

It is odd that the Chancellor does

In reality, a change of government will not have the impact on tax and spending policy that it has in the past.

This is in part because the Labour Party has changed, but mainly because the new policy structure will act as a constraint. Although oot with-in its remit the Bank of England has in practice a veto on fiscal policy.

Bank disapproval of a lax fiscal stance which threatens higher infla-tion, will lead to calls for higher in-terest rates to compensate. Markets would take note and a new Labour government with a novice chancel-lor would find it hard to resist the

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An unique act: No other country is as open as the UK is about debates between Kenneth Clarke (right) and Eddle George

increases desperately if the price is higher interest rates.

Budgets will he increasingly incremental in the years ahead, becoming ever more just a peg on which to hang criticisms of or praise for the The budget thetoric will, of course, be different with Labour, no doubt government. They will very rarely contain any measures that alter the

sumers, but it will make little dif-ference to anyone's life. There will, presumably, be a headline grabbing tax break, but probably worth next

to nothing.

My own tip for the meaningless ceotrepiece is a tax break on pressure cookers! (This measure did fea-ture in an Indian budget in the 1980s.) It would help the less well-

off, save energy and encourage the consumption of fresh food while maintaining its nutritional content.
Who could complain? Manufacturers of non-pressure cooking pols and microwaves, of course. And as companies and industries are wellrepresented in the lobbying process, hut consumers are not, they will probably get their way.

As the chart shows, bowever, the burden of taxation that consumers have had to bear has not fallen in recent years in the way that the cor-porate burden has. Some redress and relief for the consumer - sod more than you get from a tax break on pressure cookers - would he in order, despite the timing of the

election.

The Budget will not be irresponsible or shocking. There is no need to do anything and the Government will do nothing. We should not look for more and we should be happy with a boring budget. It is a luxury in a difficult world.

Political worries are modest with so little between the main parties on the big economic issues. Meanwhile, growth is stable and steady and inflatioo is low. There is little for the investor to fear.

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France	7.8586	132-113	365-334	5.0681	73-66	217-207	3,4205
Italy	23505	48-63	142-166	15158	44-51	123-135	102305
Japan	167.92	75-70	225-218	10829	45-44	136-133	73.0850
ECU	12222	75-11	45-40	12688	7-8	23-25	0.5319
Belgium	47345	12.7	32-25	30533	6-5	18-16	206071
Denmark	88795	159-116	446-235	57265	85-65	270-220	38648
Netherlands	25768	65-57	187-174	16616	35-32	107-102	1,1215
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Norway	99576	120-50	310-200	6.4218	42-17	110-60	43341
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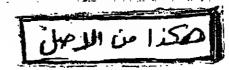
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# Clerkenwell puts Lynch on map

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The Ebor Handicap here yesterday was, as ever, supposed to be run over 14 furlongs, but this year it lasted for only 12.

When Fergal Lynch shook the reins un Clerkenwell with a quarter of a mile still to run, he sprinted five lengths clear of his field in almost as many strides, and the race was over as surely as if the two-furlong pole had been the winning post. The bare evidence of the race-return will show that Clerkenwell's eventual margin of victory was just three-quarters of a length, but this proves not that Michael Strute's colt was fortunate to hold on, rather that the young man on his back is a jockey of

uousual promise. The season did oot start well for Lynch, who had picked up two bans before even the end of the May meeting at Chester for, as he puts it, "goiog for a gap I thought was
Lynch was swift to acknowledge
there". Barely a mnoth later, Fallon's assistance. "He's been

though, he had riddeo his first winner at Royal Ascot, and now he cao add the Ebor too. If he can make the transition from apprentice to senior rider with even half the ease of yesterday's victory, his future is very bright

Certainly, Lynch has both the

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Gold Spats (York 3.45) NB: Emadim (York 2.05)

pedigree and connections to ceed. His family have owned and worked with horses for geocrations, while Kieren Fallon, recently appointed as Hen-ry Cecil's next stable jockey, is a long-standing frieod and ighing-room mentor.

Falloo finished third yesterday on Corradini after finding pleoty of trouble in running - "he'd stolen the race and it was all over before I got there"-and

4.15 TESSAJOE (nap)

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said. "It looked easy today but it was a long way up that straight, it felt more like three miles than three furlongs. But I wasn't really worried as all this horse does is gallop, and they were never going to catch him from two out."

Much the same was true of Key Change, winner of the Yorkshire Oaks, who repelled any oumber of challenges up the straight without ever ap-pearing likely to succumb. Stamma is, after all, what John Oxx's filly possesses in abundance, and when the ground eases this autumn it is an attribute which could prove particularly valuable.

"Soft going seems to make a big difference to her so we were a little pessimistic today," Oxx said. "Soft ground over a mile and a half would probably improve her again." Twelve furlongs with some cut

in the turf is, in nine years out of 10, precisely what you find in Dettori: Irresponsible

a brilliant help in getting me in the right places and putting my name forward for rides," he Paris on Prix de l'Arc de Thio oo 15 September, or the Irish the right places and putting my name forward for rides," he yet, not entered at Longchamp, week later. but could be added to the field shortly before the race.

"We'd be happy to supplement if she won another race and had put some more mooey in the bank, Oxx said. "Her owner [Lady Clagne] loves to tackle big races." Key Change's ticket to France



The principal loser in the Yorkshire Oaks was Lanfranco Dettori, who picked up a fourday ban for irresponsible riding on Russian Snows, who was demoted from third to sixth after making cootact with Whitewater Affair. Dettori has served eight days in suspensions this year, and a ban of another four would, under new Jockey Club procedures, incur a further penalty of two weeks. Dettori may appeal against yesterday's decision, but this was hardly a gross miscarriage of justice and the champion will

coming weeks. It would not do, for instance, to lose the ride on Abou Zonz. the Gimcrack Stakes winner. David Loder's colt will next appear in the bonus-laden Houghton Sales Stakes, a race the trainer woo last year with Rio

need to take great care not to

cause further offence in the

### Pivotal may miss out in the presence of Mind

RICHARD EDMONDSON

You have only to look at the names of Sir Mark Prescott and Jack Berry to realise they can-not have that much in common. Prescott is Newmarket's hereditary baronet, a man whose features can be as well shrouded as the peaks of the Andes as he draws on a substantial cig-ar. Jack used to work on Leeds market and, in the early days, his idea of a slap-up Christmas lunch was egg and chips at Forton Services on the M6.

Yet there are links. Berry virtually quarried his own yard out of the Lancashire coastside, while Prescott is rather proud of his base, known as Heath House and fashioned Heath Robinson-like with the trainer's individual stamp in every coroer. Both are also brothers in adversity as neither have won at racing's highest level despite tween them. "Even our greatest enemies could not argue that Jack and myself have waited long enough for a Group One victory, even if they might oot think we necessarily deserve it," Prescott said yesterday.

The breakthrough should come this afternoon though wheo Prescott's Pivotal and Berry's Mind Games are the clear form choices for the Nunthorpe Stakes on the Knavesmire. The pair have met twice this year, more famously wheo Pivotal passed his oorthern ri-Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot. "This track will suit Jack's horse better as Pivotal oeeded all of Ascot's stiff five furlongs to overhaul Mind Games in the

King's Stand," Prescott said. But I'm happy with my horse." The Ascot race was all the more dramatic for the fact that while the protagonists were senarated by half a length there was also the width of the course

between them. That should not be repeated tuday. "With unly eight runners we should be able to keep closer tabs on Pivotal this time," Berry said. "We beat the others six lengths on the far side at Ascot but Mind Games did not eveo see Pivotal coming up the stands rail."

Berry talks a good game, but there is little doubt he is genuinely confideot on this occasion. "Mind Games is flying and he has never had a preparation like it, he said. "It is the best I've ever had him and he would have won this last year if he had beeo in similar shape." Jack could he right this time with conditions and course favouring Mind Games (3.10).
Others to consider are El-

nadim (next best 2.05), who is not disgraced in his work at Arundel with the 2,000 Guineas propositioo Bahhare, Moonshine Girl (2.35) and GOLD SPATS (oap 3.45), who is extraordinarily well handicapped.

#### YORK

2.35 Carmine Lake

3.10 Pivotal

DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

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Course is 1m S of city on A1038, York station 1m. ADMISSION: County Stand £32; Tatter-alls £15; Silver Ring £5 (OAPs £1.50); Under-11% free all enclosures. Under-12% not admitted to County Stand. CAR PARE: £2, re-

■ LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS; H Coell—27 winners from 98 runners gives a surcess ratio of 27,6% and a loss to a £1 level stake of \$5.96; J Gooden — 26 winners, 108 runners, 24.1%, ~\$0.44; M Stoute — 23 winners, 128 runners, 18.1%, ~\$4.55; J Dunloy — 18 winners, 17 runners, 20.0%, ~\$14.50.
■ LEADING JOCKETS: Pat Eddery — 41 winners, 210 rides, 18.5%, ~\$1.74; L Dettori — 39 winners, 172 rides, 22.7%, +\$42.08; W Carson — 36 winners, 213 rides, 18.9%, ~\$25,75; W R Swinhurn — 19 winners, 148 rides, 12.8%, ~\$7.87.

ALINKERS OF IRST TDOE: Millery (2.05).
WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN OAYS: Blanca Nera (2.36) won at Beverley on Thursday. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS; Einadine (2.15), Beauchamp Jazz (3.46), Mashahld (3.45). General Mascarthur (4.16). Winnershim (4.45) sent 256 miles by J Dunlop on Armitel, West Nasser; Daylight Dreams (2.36). Miss Haversham (4.45) sent 246 miles by C (3227 from Mapleliurs, West Sasser.

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There is a strong word from Lambourn for both Paul Cole's Wasp Ranger and Barry Hills'S Museksel, but Dowd Loder is the men to follow at present and INDESCREEF, by St Jovins out of a stayer and a half-brother to a winning juvenile in letend, can follow up Abou Zouz's win at the Generack yesterday; Following the Cole juveniles has respect a decent reward this season 129 races wont) and Wasp Ranger, a comparatively cheep yearing at \$13,000, is by a useful juvenile sire in Red Romsom out of a seven-furlong winner. Musaksal has been foring well on the gallops and this Sadler's Wells is out of Prix Robert Papin winner Come Friendly. John Dunlop's Elmediam is a well-related Danzig colt from the family of san miler Method, while Double Eight, a half-sister to winning juvenile Painted Madam, looks the second string to Musaksal. Our Way Joesh't appeal on her Lingfield second to Caspian Morn, not does Willtrey in his first time blinkers.

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FORM GUIDE

Frankic Dotton was booked for MOONSHINE GIRL a couple of weeks ago and Michael Strutts is going for a tenesit after Donco Sequence's win last year. Like Dance Sequence, Moonshine Girl mado the frame in the Queen May at Royal Asot. Third to Donco Pequence, Moonshine Girl mado the frame in the Queen May at Royal Asot. Third to Donco Peade after loading at halfway, this Sandown debut winner will be hard to bent over this sixth furlong. Corremistr, close behind in fourth at Asot, was a nech second to Cermine Lake in the Corremine Lake in the Micecomb at Goodwood. Carmine Lake was back on song there after the Chester hicoup, but the 3th penalty just makes things tougher for her. That find remerk also applies to Seebe, who bottled on so tenaciously to pp Moonlight Paradise when gisting 3th in the Princess who bottled on so tenaciously to pp Moonlight Paradise when gisting 3th in the Princess hargeard at Asots after delivering when fully espected on her Sandown debut. Anothers looked very smert on her Kemplon debut and was not dispaced against the colis in the Northink when a five-tempt seventh to Tipsy Creek. Welf Warmed, beaten eight lengths when third to Dazde in the Cherry Hinton, has since won a soft race at Hoydock, while Tamable more woned Pears stal has something to prove after her wins at Bath and Thrisk. Blanca Notes won well enough on her debut at Beverley a week ugo. This is much purgent of the so-Moonlight Drinness and nurs-Moostly well regarded and the stable is fining. Ripon debut winner Daylight Drinness and nurs-Moostly well regarded and the stable is fining. Ripon debut winner Daylight Drinness and nurs-Moostly winner Hallowing are likely to find this too hot.

Selections MOONSHINE GIRL

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PRIVIDIAL, back to the minimum trip after failing in the July Cup, is the choice to confirm King's Stand form with Mind Games, Hewer Golf Rose, Eveningsperformannee and Strugger. Pivotal girk up closs home to heat Mind Games half-e-length at Royal Ascot where they raced on opposite stdea of the course. Being the younger horse, Pivotal is entitled to improve again, though he needs to with Mind Games being 4th better off. Pivotal never picked up from his outside draw when beeten five lengths by Anebes in the July Cup, but he has had a starweek rest and could return with all guns blazing with the stable still in eracking form, Mind Games is still chasing the elusive Group One success and flopped backly in this race lest year. Twice a winner of the Temple Stokes at Sandown, he firshed alongside Pivotal in the July Cup and must go very close on his return to his best trip. Hever Golf Rose ran on the same side of the course as Mind Games in the King's Stand and gats a 3th pull with him after finishing five lengths advift. Last year's Mabeye winner came back to her best when besting all except Rambing Bear in the King Gaonge at Goodwood, and when winning the Longichamp sprint last backand she had Eveningperformance, Mind Games and Cool Albert had been seen the King's Stand when stumbing at the start. Stoying on in second to Mind Games in the Temple Stales in May, he looks stretched on 4th worse terms. Eveningperformance returned home wrong from the King Gaonge at Goodwood, so the ran is best (genore), while Catet in the Blaces may not be good enough to he per good to the Cork & Onery at Asoot, though So Facual won this lest year effer a second to Atraf in the Cork & Onery at Ascot, though So Factual won this lest year efter

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9	0-08215	ALAFLAK (20) (Herrden Al Meldourn) W R Hern 59 0	W Carnon 10
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AYUNLI won on the course last year and appeals at decent odds after returning from a rest to be fifth to Kristal Breaze at Selsbury last week. Reamajor is better than recent runs suggests and can figure off a decent mark on his Thirsk win from Domeppel in April, Newbury dead-heater Dawst ran will afterwards against Grand Selection at Goodwood and could benefit by the step up in distance. General Maceriber is a believed out who could figure now that he runs fresh, and Spillo, fourth to stablemate Freequent at Giorious Goodwood, can confirm the form with Skillington (lith).

Selection: AYUNLI

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2	1	EVA LUNA (USA) (36) (K Abdullah) H Cscil 4 8 4	Pat Eddery 7
3	3-60603		P Bloomfold 9 B
4	3-13	AMBARA (19) (Shelish Mohammed) J Gosdan 3 8 8	
5		BALALAIKA (83) (Helene Springfield Ext) L Cumoni 3 8 8	
6	5-159	BATHBLDE (28) (C) (HRH Prince Felnd Salmen) M Secure 3 8 8	K Fallon 4
7	4151	MOUNT HOW (12) (D) (Lord Hartington) L Cumeni 3 8 8	Weaver 11
8	5-3103	MENOPOLISIA (USA) (47) (D) (Miss K Reusing) J Duntop 3 8 8	K Darley 10
9		PINCE CREEK (USA) (15) (D) (George Statesbridge)   Belging 3 8 8	
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BETTIME: 7-2 America, 9-2 Baladatus, 5-1 Marcheles, 6-1 Buttilitie, 12-2 Time Alfoured, 8-1 Poppy
Cereux, 9-1 Eva Lucia, 10-1 Mount flow, 12-1 Pitte Creek, 14-1 others

Euca Cumoni's Balantaliae has to be respected. Good enough to deliver when strongly fencied on her debut at Kempton, she has looked a useful prospect even in defect behind Sardonic at Newbury and when stepped up to this trip and second to Shemozde at Newmorket. Henry Cacil has long been sweet on Eva Luna, who made a belated appearance to threat nobiely at Sondown a morath ago. By Alleged out of an Oels second, Eva Luna is one of many who bould take this. A filly who looks rock-solid to figure is Time Allowed, out of the contributing staying mare Time Charter and a progressive sort who finished a fine second to the coft Freequent in a strong handleap at Giorious Goodwood. She won her maiden in good style at Kempton and better is stiff to come from this home-bred filly, John Reld fides, but the main fancy is for Michael Sourch's other morate. Ballfull Ev. who selegated her modest style at Kempton and better is stiff to come from this home-bred filly, John Reld hides, but the main fency is for Michael Stoute's other numer, BATHILDE, who galloped her modest rivels into submission over 10 furlongs on the course in May, Keren Fation's mount found the fest ground and company too hot in the Ribblesdate, as did John Dunlop's Ninotebida, and she was surprisingly dropped in distance at Chepsiuw offerwords when third to Papering, Bathildo will come into her own today up this galloping straight on the better ground. Ninotebids will also find conditions perfect after her subsequent gutsy run against the older pair, Spout and Pruntom Gold in the Lancaethre Oaks. Annaba looks reedy for improvement with Frankle Dettod riding her for the first time this year. Annaba will also like the longer tip and, when third to Last Second in Goodwood's Nassau Stakes, finished just half-length behind Papering, who was second in yesterday's Yorkshire Oaks.

Selection: BATHILDE

1	5.15	CITY OF YORK STAKES (CLASS A) (Listed) £18 7f Penalty Value £13,392	,000 added
<b>1</b>		SERGEYEV (7) (D) (B 7 Stewart-Brown) R Hannon 4 8 8	
2	41-3150	ALL-ROYAL (22) (D) (Generalizy Stubles Earl) H Cecil 3 8 0	W Ryan 1
3	614031	BRANSTON ABBY (4) (C) (D) (J David Abel) M Johnston 7 9 0	Womer 2
4	113-462	FOREST CAT (23) (C) (D) (George Ward) Mrs. J Cacl 4 8 8	L Detted 4
5	213540	HOW LONG (21) (D) (Dr M Boffs) L Cumon 3 8 9	X Darley B
B		MYSELF (43) (D) (Biographusy Stud) P Chample-Hern 4 8 8	
7		POLAR PRINCE (12) (D) (Mrs Chrotine Stevenson) M. Javin 3 8 9	
8	131-441	RUZNAMA (USA) (21) (D) (Hemder Al Moksoum) 8 Hits 3 8 4	W Careca 7
	TING: 11-	4 All-Royal, 100-30 Branston Abby, 9-2 Forest Cut, 12-2 Royana.	7-1 Myself, 15-2

BETING: 13-4 All-Royal, 109-30 Branston Abby, 9-2 Powert Cat, 13-2 Reznama, 7-1 Myself, 15-2 Poler Pelaron, 30-1 others
1995c Didna 3 8 4 Pat Eddey 100-30 (R Chelton) 11 no
FORM GUIDE
Henry Cacil draw a blank at this year's Royal Accot where ALI-ROYAL was his main hope on the Jersey Statics. All-Royal was also in my book as the meeting's banker effer his briffient win in Newmarks's Ring Cherics II Stakes, but he went into the rozord books only as the meeting's unfucklest loser. With the field apread across the course, White Royan had his brands half throughout and, with no gaps appearing, he was forced to sit and suffer all the way to the line. Run the rose again and Al-Royal wins it honds down and this trip and class is spot on for him after finding the star milers too hot in the Sussex States at Goodwood. The fifty Rezzamas goes unpenalised and Didina won this off the same mark for the follers excited year. Rugrisms returned firesh after a rest to beat the older Bishop Of Cashel at Donoester [1m] three weeks ago and pacey races now look hor mark after follume over 10 furings. A useful juvenile with wins over this trip at Newmarkst from 18 Rib (melder) and Obsessive (On So Sharp States), Rugramm rates the melin darger to All-Royal, Polar Prisos is upgraded by Michael Jawis effor handloop who at this distance. Short of room in the furthurly Cup, he reversed the form with Chimpton Hill on 21b better forms when displaying a fine turn of foot to beat Prince Bebar on the same course 12 days ago. How Long, forumets to finals alsed of Polar Prince in the Burbury, makes no appeal, while last year's Jersey States winner Sergayaw, who has had a wind operation, has it do under his 8th penalty even after a good third to Monaesito over a trip (90) too short at Yermonth liet week. Branston Albby finished lest of 14 in this race two years ago and she may not be good enough against younger rivals today. Forest Cat had no answer when Thrilling Day swooped in the Oak Tree States at Goodwood but she does have Frankle Detion's he

# 2.05: With the middle of the track

seemingly offering the best ground, a low draw could be a disadvantage in today's five and six furlong contests. This enhances the prospects nuch running into form. Stall two, however, may not stop fellow debutant ELNADIM from taking this.

John Dunlop spoke at the start of the season of his high hopes for this half-brother to the stable's Irish 1,000 Guineas winner Mehthaaf. 2.35: CARMINE LAKE can prove

showed a fine turn of foot to burst through to win the Mulecomb Stakes at Goodwood. If again held up for a late challenge, she should find this extra furlong no problem. Seebe, a short-head Ascot winner last time out, looks the danger, despite her low draw.

3.10: PIVOTAL can recapture the form that saw him a produce a powerful late surge to collect the King's Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot. He seemed to be still feeling the effects of that hard race when running 8 long way below-par at Newmarket 20 days later. This colt has been freshened up since then and can overcome his old rival Mind Games.

345: Three-year-olds near the foot of the weights dominate the betting for this event and the Michael Stonte yard, which saddled the

ner from a long way out when suc cessful at Kempton at the beginnin for him with bottom weight. Fergal

Lynch, who handled Clerkenwell so ell yesterday, takes the mount. Intidab must count as a danger, particularly with the Juhn Gosder stable doing well in handicaps of late. Among the nider horses, Anturen Affair is an outsider with an each-way chance. 

4.15: A low draw undonbtedly assisted Clerkenwell's Ebor victor and it should prove wise to look for desperately tricky contest. Daunt, from the John Gosden yard, falls his big weight if he proves suited by this distance. His latest effort, at Goodwood, was over 10 furlongs General Macarthur will be ridde: by the formidable Richard Quin and certainly enters calculations. Further down the handicap, how ever, barks TESSAJOE who could well return to form here at long odds. This four-year-old can be for-Elor winner yesterday, can land another big handicap with GOLD macho's gelding is guaranteed a SPATS. This colt looked the win-

#### NUNTHORPE STAKES - 10-YEAR-TALE Table 67, 86 89 30 91 92 93 94 95 Fully of the favourable 3 4 1 1 1 4 1 3 10 6 Fully of the favourable 5 2 1 1 1 3 1 0 0 3 Fully of the favourable 5 2 1 1 1 8 1 10 141 92 Specifieng-prisoner: 7.2 24 5-2, 13-168-11, 6-1 8-11 10-1 14-1 Profit or Song to 21 status: Paradition—ED.34. Second Paraditics—E7.00 Parceitage of whences placed 1st, 2sd or 3m is last race: 70% Sharbest whence before (1980) & Lyfe Richey (1992) but 10-11 Longout primal whence: Pacolo 3A J. (1994) Longout primal whence: Pacolo 3A J. (1994)

HYPERION Green's Seago 8.15 Good Hand

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Left-hand, level course. Run-in 900yd.

Course is 15m from Kendal on B5271. Buses from Grange-over-Sands station 2m. ADMISSION: Paddock \$10 (OAPs £5, under-16s free); Course \$4 (OAPs £2). GAR PARK: Paddock \$5, course free.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Definite Maybe (5.45) & Dustys Trail (6.45); The Gallopin major (8.15). WDREES IN LAST SEVEN DATS: Green's Seago (7.45) won at Bangor on Saturday. LONG-DISTANCE BUNNERS: Seahawk Anti-District State of the Associated State of the State

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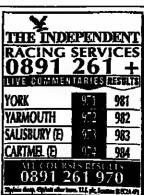
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Cliche for Arc

Classic Cliche will follow an unusual route to Longchamp by completing his Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe preparation at Kempton next month in the Group Three September Stakes. Classic Cliche heads Godolphin's Arc challenge which was successful last year with Lamm-tarra. He will be supported by Russian Snows, and possibly the International winner, Halling.

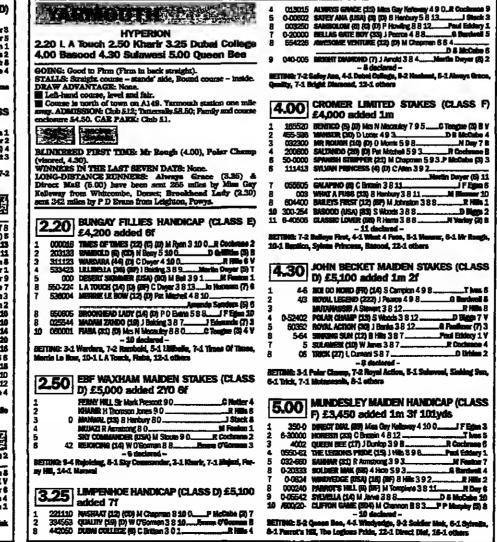


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THIRD TEST: Two spinners or not two spinners - selectors ponder best way to attack on The Oval's firm pitch

# England to forsake seam in victory quest

Cricket Correspondent

It has been one of Michael Atherton's enduring and justi-fiable claims that England have become a far more difficult team to beat than when he first assumed control in 1993. While England have undoubtedly rediscovered the value of the draw, they do not often get in the position to cash in and win. But win they must in the third Test, which starts today at The Oval, if they are to tie this series against Pakistan and protect an unbeaten home record that stretches back three seasons.

We've reached the stage where we are good at fighting rearguard actions," the England coach, David Lloyd, said. "Now, though, we have to learn to get into winning positions." Which, roughly translated, means; we've got to discover how to bowl sides out twice regularly.

Yesterday, however, the decision-makers still appeared split over the best way to achieve this, and, in particular, how many spinners to play. Lloyd appeared to favour four seamers and Ian Salisbury, while Atherton fancied playing both 5alisbury and Robert Croft, alongside a threepronged pace attack - probably without Lewis, who bowled poorly at Headingley. No doubt Ray Illingworth's

input was sought as he turned up for his final team dinner, and there is a feeling that whatever combination of bowlers England end up with this morning, the chairman's farewell mark will be on it. With the six batsmen from Headingley certain to play, the pitch, open to the morning sun before being covered, adds to the conundrum. According to Lloyd, it was hard, dry and brown on Monday, Alec Stewart confirmed that assertion when he said it was the firmest he had seen at The Oval

this season. Yesterday it was taking a stud and was tinged with green, sug-gesting that it has been heavily watered. This can mean one of two things; either it is too dry and the groundsman is trying to retain moisture to stop the top crumbling too quickly (which would explain why it was covered under a hot sun yesterday), or he is trying to green the pitch up to



Net fortunes: The England and Pakistan sides limber up for today's third Test match with a nets session at The Oval yesterday

suit England's seamers - a ploy that hackfired at Headingley. What favours the initial the-

sis - that the pitch is too dry and would suit spin - was Atherton's suggestion that he would but first, should he win the toss. Unless there is a lot of kidology going on between the Lancashire players of both camps, England will be forsaking a traditional area of strength (seam bowling) to play both spinners. If so, they are certain to be outbowled should Pakistan follow suit and play the Mushtaqs: Saqlain and Ahmed.

Ten years ago, this would have been the norm, but such has been the profusion of top-quality fast bowlers in Pakistan that the inclusion of the in-form Mohammed Akram in place of Ata-ur-Rehman is more likely. More controversially, the visitors were talking of leaving out the wicketkeeper Moin Khan after his hundred at Headingley. If they do, Rashid Latif will play large-ly because his batting, like that of Aamir Sohail, is unlikely to be fazed by pitches with bounce.

One of the travesties of play-

ing a talented team like Pakistan over a three-match series is that many have yet to see Saqlain in action. Off-spinners are a rare breed in Test cricket these days. their inability to take wickets stemming from a combination of improved technique and a lack of pitches allowing the bounce and turn necessary for them to

pull their weight.
Saqlain, though, is something special and can apparently turn it on glass. He also possesses a ball that kicks away from the right-handed hatsman off the pitch, which may ex- for 103 in the match, needs anplain why he gets so many of his victims caught at slip. And no less an authority than 5 teve Waugh pronounced him the best spinner I've faced in a while "during Pakistan's visit to Australia last winter.

Four years ago on this ground, however, England were blown away inside four days, Wasim and Waqar sharing 15 wickets between them as extravagant reverse swing swiftly removed England's middle and late orders. Wasim, who took 9

other six Test wickets to become the 11th member to join the il-lustrious 300 club. He may find the unusually lush outfield and showery forecast a hindrance towards achieving such lavish swing this time. Yet if Pakistan's bowling remains a potent threat, their hatting remains brittle - susceptible to mood swings that veer from moments of irrational panic to bouts of over-confidence,

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Ed Giddins, banned from firstclass cricket on Tuesday until 1 April 1998 by the Test and County Cricket Board for using co-caine, has been offered the chance to continue playing by his former Sussex League club, East-

bourne. Eastbourne's chairman of selectors, David Lockyer, said: We would he delighted to have Ed back. I don't think anyone here would have a problem with it. He's got a lot of friends at Easthourne and some of them will feel very sorry about what has happened.

While Sussex meet North-amptonshire at Hove today, all of the Championship contenders with the exception of Derbyshire are in action elsewhere. James Whitaker returns to captain Leicestershire against Hampshire despite not yet being 100 per cent fit after a torn calf mus-cle. With Alan Mullally playing for England, Leicestershire are set to use both spinners. Adrian Pierson and Matthew Brimson.

Kent are likely to be unchanged for the trip to Cardiff, but their captain, Steve Marsh, and the England all-rounder Mark Ealham may play in the

Sunday League game.

Essex, whose veteran spinner John Childs yesterday announced he is to retire at the end of the season, welcome back Graham Gooch, Paul Grayson and Robert Rollins, all missing from the recent defeat by Pakistan, for the visit of Glouces-

tershire to Colchester. Surrey, without England men Alec Stewart, Graham Thorpe and probably Chris Lewis, include Jason Ratcliffe, Nadcem Shahid Joey Benjamin and the Ireland pace bowler Mark Patterson for the trip to Nottinghamshire.

Yorkshire are expected to name an unchanged side for the Roses match with Lancashire at Headingley. Yorkshire have decided against bringing Michael Bevan, on tour in 5ri Lanka with the Australians, back to England for their last two matches.

Warwickshire, still in with 🧈 chance of retaining the title, have doubt over Andy Moles for their local derby with Worcestershire at New Road. The opener has an Achilles tendon injury.

### Obree forced out of world title defence

Cycling

Gracme Obree has been forced to ahandon thoughts of defending his 4,000 metres pursuit world title in Manchester next week on medical advice.

Obree. whose Olympic medal hopes in Atlanta were also ruined by ill-health, has been unwell since late May with a viral infection. The Scot, who won the pursuit title for the second time last year, was told by specialists not to ride following a day of tests.

Now Obree hopes he can recover in time to race in the world time-trial champlonship in Lugano in October.

Obree's personal manager, Frank Quinn, said the cyclist had been worried about his fitness for some time and feared he would not be able to do himself justice in competition. "Graeme told me that he felt his form was insufficient, and the specialist told him that his muscle power was not good enough. for such a challenge," he said. Doug Dailey, the national

coach, said Obree cannot be replaced in the world championship team. "He earned his place as the defending chamion. Now it is down to Chris Boardman to go for the gold,"

winner of the Tour de France and the Olympic gold medallist, will participate in next month's Tour of 5pain for the first time in five years. "It was a team decision."

the 32-year-old Banesto rider said. "I didn't especially want to race, but it's the team that decides. I always feel like racing and winning, though, especially in such a big race.

The 5paniard has not raced in the Tour of Spain since 1991. when he came second behind his compatriot Malchor Mauri. preferring to gear his training toward winning the Tour de France in July. His five-year reign over the Tour ended this year when he finished 14min 14sec behind the winner. Bjarne Riis of Denmark.

5panish countryside, finishes in Madrid.

# Tait prepares for Darby ride

He said of Nick Faido, who plays regularly on the U5 Tour: only received a late call-up when Jose Maria Olazabal had

teros does not want a repeat of to qualify and said: "I will try

Equestrianism

three-day event champion, has Miguel Indurain, five times

tish venue to ride Darby, a 10-**Ballesteros' warning on Ryder Cup places** 

The Tour of Spain, which runs from 7 to 21 5eptember, and winds its way through 3,898 kilometres (1,772 miles) of

year-old New Zealand-hred horse, who will be providing him Two riders who had to with-Blyth Tait, the new Olympic

a special regard for the Bowmore Blair Castle Horse Trials, which begin in Perthshire today. It was here that the New Zealander first rode his victorious Olympic mount, Ready Teddy, in a three-day event when finishing 11th last year. Tait has returned to the Scot-

year. One of his travelling companions on the long journey was Chesterfield, with whom Tait won an Olympic bronze medal in the team contest in Atlanta.

Subsequently, Darby had time off because of a leg injury, hut he has come back to produce clear show-jumping and cross-country rounds at his four one-day events this summer. "He's a good, quiet member of round at Thirlestane Castle the team," Tait said of the last weekend.

I would like Nick to come over

here and play in some of the bet-

ter tournaments, which will help him qualify." The top 10 players

in the Ryder Cup points table, starting next week, will qualify

automatically and Ballesteros

will then select two others. "It

will help me if the top players all

qualify to give me more leeway."

Ian Woosnam by name, Balles-

Although he did oot mention

Britain at the beginning of last event since winning his Olympic medals.

Karen Dixon, who was part of the disappointing British team in Atlanta, will be riding 5imply the Best. The sevenyear-old was shaken np by a fall at Maison Lafitte at the beginning of June in which Dixon broke her shoulder, but confidence now seems restored after a splendid cross-country

to withdraw. Ballesteros said: "I

want all the top players to

make a real effort and play their

way into the team otherwise, if

I see someone else around.

they may not get picked. Some players may think it doesn't mat-

ter if they qualify or not and that

they will he picked in any case. They may he in for a shock."

Ballesteros will also attempt

event, Australia's Matt Ryan and Britain's Leslie Law, will hope to put that disappointment behind them during a husy weekend at Blair, where they

both ride two horses. lan 5tark has a different role. He has returned from Atlanta, where he had a fall with Stanwick Ghost, to help his 16-yearold daughter, Stephanie, who rides in the Junior European Championships which run concurrently with the senior contest.

and be in the team. But it doesn't matter whether I qual-

ify or not. It depends on

whether I feel good about play-

ing in the team. I want to get the

feeling right and, if it means picking myself, I will."
Tommy Horton, the former

Ryder Cup player, will be trying to become the first player to win

£100,000 prize-money in a sea-

son on the European Seniors

Tour when he plays in the PGA

Seniors Championship at The

Belfry today.

#### mg young players have gone against the prevailing tide by saying that they do not intend to play rugby union this winter. Warrington's lestyn Harris

**Rugby League** 

DAVE HADFIELD

they play," Lloyd said yesterday as he made light of Atherton's

third failure in a row to secure

the Duke ball for his bowlers.

But if the captain shrugged this off with a sniping "it's round and it's red, and someone's got to bow with it", he can console him-

self with the news that three of

his four pace bowlers - Mullal-

ly, Caddick and Lewis - have all

had a break since the last Test.

But that is a situation that does

not necessarily come with a

guarantee, as Graeme Hick

and Rohhie Paul of the Bradford Bulls have been linked with moves to union clubs, hut both have denied that any switch of codes is in their immediate plans. Harris, left out of Warrington's side for the last month of the season and ordered to stay away from their Wilderspool ground, has had approaches from a number of

union clubs. But the Welsh stand-off. transfer-listed at a world record £1.35m, says his priority is to have a successful tour with Great Britain this autumn and then hope for a move to a 5uper League cluh. Warrington's football executive, Alex Murphy. said that Harris had told them. through his solicitor, that be had no intention of playing union. Paul has denied that he is to follow his older hrother,

stay loyal to code Wigan's Henry Paul, into a rughy union loan arrangement by signing a winter contract with Harlequins. "It's the first I've heard about it," the New Zea-lander said. "Anyway. I'm a Two of the British game's leadleague boy through and

**Harris and Paul to** 

through." Paul would not rule out dabbling in union at some stage but. unlike his brother, he would be available for selection for New Zealand against Great Britain in the three-Test series in October and November. Great Britain's coach, Phil

Larder, is to study videos of Barrie-Jon Mather's performances for the Western Reds in Australia as he mulls over the need for replacements for the tour. Larder is concerned about the likelihood of losing Gary

Connolly and Jason Robinson to the ARL's blocking tactics, as well as about Paul Newlove's foot injury, and he will check Mather's form as well as monitoring British-based candi-

The 5t Helens coach, 5haun McRae, has turned down an invitation to assist New Zealand in the series, as he did in the World Cup last year.

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### CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Seve Ballesteros, captaining

the Ryder Cup team for the first

time next year, vesterday issued

a warning to the leading Euro-pean players by saying: "Make a real effort to qualify or you may be in for a shock." Balles-

teros, competing in the Volvo German Open this week, said

he was not picking anyone out

in particular but added: "This

is a clear message to everyone."

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EUROPEAN CUP-WINDERS' CUP
QUALIFYING ROUND SECOND LES
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Rugby League 7.30 unless stated MALIFAX STUDENT WORLD CUP Pool A: Aug-tralia v South Africa <sub>I</sub> at Heighley;: Wales v Rus-Rugby Union

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#### YORK 2.05: 1. LAMORNA (Pat Edderyl 6-1; 2. Swies Coast 3-1 fev. 3. Petite Denseuse 9-1.20 ran. 1½, ½, ¼ Channon, Upper Lamboum). Totas: £6.80; £2.60, £2.00, £2.80. Dual Forecast: £11.00, Computer Straight Forecast: £26.71. Tros: £26.50. Non Runner:

Forecast, £26.71. Thus, £26.50. Non Runner: Swynford Chammer.

2.35; 1. KEY CHANGE U Murtagh; 7-1; 2. Papering 8-1; 3. Mezzoglorno 16-1. 9 ran. 2-1 fex Shamadara (4th). 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, 3. U Ox, Curnolog, Co. Ridderel, Totae, £11.50; £2.30, £5.10. DP. £66.40. CSP: £57.76. Tito: £333.40. After a stewards' inqury, Russian Shows, who finished third was disqualified and placed such.

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3.10: 1. CLERGENWELL (F Lynch) 17-2;
2. Beenchamp Jede 8-1; 8. Corradial 7-1;
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£1.90, £2.40, £1.90, £3.10, DF: £34.60,
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NR Shadow Leader.
3.45: 1. ABOU 2012 (I. Detion) 4-1; 2. Compton Place 12-1: 3. The West 2-1 tay. 9 ran. 1/5, 11/4. (D Loder, Newmarkett, Total 54.80; 5.15.6), 52.70. 51.40. DF: £48.90. CSF: £47.75. The: £32.70.
4.15: 1. AMERAK AMEEB (M Rimmer) 20-1: 2. Papin 7-4 tay. 3. Dence So Suthe 14-1: 4. Wood Magde 20-1: 16 ran. 1/5, 3/6. (B hanbur), Newmarket. Total: £30.70; £5.20. £1.10. £5.50. £3.00. DF: £39.80. CSF: £57.61. Thesas: £529.77. The: £686.80. 4.45: 1. JAVIB (R High 9-2: 2. Tapsy Check 6-4 fay: 3. Rudfia Pet 11-1.5 ran. 1/5, 2/5. H Thorseon Jones, Newmarket. Total £6.00; £2.30. £1.40. Duel Forecast: £5.00. CSF: £11.28.
5.15: 1. BLUE RES (P Robinson) £1.1; 2. Class Chief £1.29; £3.00. £1.60. £2.50. £3.80. DF: £45.80. CSF: £73.23. Tricast: £675.65. The: £13.9, 70.

Jaciquet: Not won. Pool of £48,919.77 car-ned forward to York today.

Placepot: £297.10. Quadpot: £9.10. Place 6: £197.68. Place 5: £74.41. AYR

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2.15: 1. SILCA KEY SILCA (R Hughes) 72; 2. Kalimant 5-2; 3. Gilding The Lify 101. 4 ran. evens fav Thahabyan (4m). 1. 6.
(M Channon, Upper Lambourn), Totes: £2.70.
DF; £3.30. CSF: £1.126.
2.45: 1. TRUMPED (J Bromhil) 7-1; 2. Latvien 7-4; 2. Cartimost (Ad evens tax, 5 ran. 13, 7. IP Momenth, Rosewell), Totes: £10.70: £2.50, £1.10. DF: £7.00. CSF: £17.56.
3.20: 1. STORMLESS (J Bromhil) 3-1 fav.; 2. Ordained 7-1; 3. Sadter's Realiss 100-30. 9 ran. 2, 6. (P Momenth, Rosewell), Teter 53.70: £1.30, £1.80, £1.90. DF: \$2.00. CSF: £21.56. Tricast: £63.79. Tho: £11.50. NR: Denegold. After a stewards' inquiry, placings unaligned. altered.
2.55: 1. GENERAL'S STAR (N Connorton)

5-1; 2. Ben's Ridge 9-2; 3. Cejum Sonsset. 20-1. 7 ran. 3-1 fav Sica's My Key (Sirh, Hd. 4. (M Stoute, Newmarket). Tothe: E7-60; £2.90, £1.70. DF: £17.10. CSF: £23.94. E2.90. E1.70. DF: E17.10. CSF: E23.94.
4.25: 1. ROUSHAN UT nee! 3-1: 2. Mezzanotte 4-7 far; 3. Domait Amazm 2-1. 4
rm. Nt. 4. IS Wilkams, Newmarken. Tote:
£10.40. DF: £3.10. CSF: £13.27.
4.55: 1. SIPPERPRIDE (A Cuffranc) 8-1:
2. Magic Laise 9-2: 3. Miss Pigasle 20-1.
7 ran. 5-2 far Another Nightman (6th). 3.
3. (Mrs M Revoley, Saltoum). Tote: £13.70;
£4.80, £1.80. DF: £31.40. CSF: £39.12.

Place 6: £3,496.51. Place 5: £643.50.

EXETER

2.25: 1. BIGGET () Welsh; 5-1: 2. Nordia Crown 3-1 jt-lav; 3. Demonstration 4-1, 7 man. 3-1 jt-lav; 3. Demonstration 5-1, 10. E. 20. DE: E8.70. CSF: £18.96.
2.89: 1. MISS POW IP on 3-3-1: 2. Fleet Cadet 2-1; 3. Alimana 6-4 fax. 9 man. 6, 37. (R Frost). Tota: £46.60; 57.40, 51.40. DF: 139.20. CSF: £69.94. NF: Souther Park, withdrawn not under orders. Rule 4 applies to Board Prices only, deduction 25p in the pound,

#### RACING RESULTS 3.30: 1. HENLEY REGATTA (S Burrough) 9-4. 2 ren (1. finished). 1-3 fav Pond House (pulea up). If Poddord). Tote: £3.00. 4.05: 1. SHAHRANI (B Bridgaster) 1-2 fav; 2. Born To Please 7-4; 3. On My Toes 12-

1. 8 ram. 1%, dist. (M Pipe). Totac £1.10. DF: £1.10. CSF: £1.75 4.35: 1. DURBELLE U CARRY 16-1; 2. Bish-4.35: 1. DURBLIE U CARRY 16-1; 2. Bishops Centle 12-1; 3. Distant Memory evens law 8 ren. 5, 23. U King. Tote: £25.00; 53.70, £2.80, £1.00, DF: £30.10, CSF: £167.28, 5.05: 1. AKYMANN (D Brigweier) 4-7 tor. 2. Embley Buoy 9-4; 3. Wiseywin 7-1, 3 ran. 16, dist. (M Pieo), Tote: £1.20, DF: £1.50, CSF: £2.05, Placepot: £167.20, Quadpot: £18.80, Place & £93.30, Place 5: £44.71,

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5.30: 1. HALEBID IC Webbi 5-1; 2. Absolutiolystuming 18-1; 3. Laughing Buctanoser 20-1. 13 rsn. 7-2 for Alistans Rocket. 14. 1. IS Woodsi. Totae £6.00: £2.30, £2.20, £3.00. DF: £30.50. CSF:

£2.30, £2.20, £3.00. DF: £30.50. CSF: £74.11. Incest: £1.357.65. Tho: £170.30. NR: May King Mayters.

£.66: 1. ENTREPRENEUR U Redt 1-2 tav. 2. Falak 10-1; 3. Heart Of Armor 14-1. 15 tan. 5. %. (M Stoute). Tobs: £1.50: £1.10. £1.60, £3.30. DF: £4.60. CSF: £7.53. Tho: £45.90.

£.26: 1. WELCOME PARADE RV Ryani 7-2: 2. Heye Va Kefanh 10-1: 3. Lending Spirit 11-4 fav. 9 tan. 14. 15. 4 fav. 60cil. Tobe: £4.30: £1.60, £3.10. £1.20. Dual Forecas: £1.67. CSF: £33.18. Theast £97.60. Tho: £35.70.

£18.70, CSF: £33.18. Theast: £97.60. Tho: £35.70. @LEE: 1. GREAT OWATION (O Urbria) 11. @LEE: 2. Musical Demoer 12:1: 3. Truscomy 9. 1. 7 rain. 100-30 feb. Sandstone, 1, 5. II. Curnam). Tothe: £6.20: £3.50, £3.30. DF. £24.50. CSF: £53.34. 7.25: 1. HOH FIVER (M Fentom 1.1-1; 2. Test The Water 5-2 fer, 3. Chiempagne Toast 25-1. 17 rain. No. 17. (M Bell). Tothe £44.70. £9.80, £1.60, £5.60. OF: £82.10. CSF: £51.25. Tho: £420.80.

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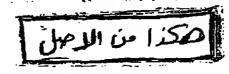
5.40: 1. CHINA MAIL (T.) Murphy 3-1; 2. Sippery Mex 20-1; 3. Lord Towardeo 1-2. 4. 5 ran. 5, 10. IK Baley). Tote: £3,50; £1.40, £2,80. Dual Foreast: £1.20. Computer Straight Foreast: £3.4.22. NR: King Of ebylon. 6.10: 1. MAGGOTS GREEN (R Johnson)

6.10: 1. MACGOTS GREEN (R Johnson)
9-4; 2. Drumstick 7-4; 3. Manstrour 6-4
tav. 3 ran. 5, 30. II M Bradley, Tobbe 22,80.
DF: £1.90. CSF: £5.59.
6.40: 1. GLENGARRIF GRR. ID Bragsses
tal 4-6 lav; 2. Fox Chapel 20-1; 3. Storne
Drum 7-1. 4 ran. 1-1. 14. IM Pipe). Tobe wer
dwdend £1.60. Dual Forecast. £8.60. Computer Straight Forecast. £8.60. Computer

7.10: 1. CHANCEY FELLA (A P McCoy) 2-11 far; 2. Gelloping Benne 8-1; 3. Parts For-ty 10-1. 4 ram. 25, 19. (H Haynes). Total: £2.20. Dual Forecast: £2.00. Computer Straight Forecast: £2.41.

Michael Stoute, who gained his biggest success of the day when 17-2 shot Clerkenwell won the Ebor Handicap at York yesterday afternoon, landed his third winner at three different meetings in the evening. Less than an hour after the Ebor, Stoute struck with General's Star (5-1) in the Minishant Nursery Handicap at Ayr. And his Entrepreneur was a comfortable five-length winner of the evening's Confederacy Maiden 5takes at Kempton at odds of !-2. The across-the-card treble

paid 841/-1.



# Wembley prices rise for World Cup

Football

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GLENN MOORE

The Football Association has gambled on Glenn Hoddle's England maintaining the wave of patriotism which filled Wembley during Euro 96.

It was revealed yesterday that despite attracting an average of less than 30,000 to last season's six pre-Euro 96 matches, the governing body has refused to cut ticket prices. Instead, the FA has increased prices for the World Cup qualifiers, taking the cheap-est seats to £14 (for a terrible view) and the most expensive to £40 (for a stunning oue).

In one concession to com-plaints, the FA has agreed to introduce a two-tier pricing policy. Prices for the matches against Georgia (30 April 1997) and Moldova (10 September 1997) will be marginally lower than those against Poland (9 October) and Italy (12 February 1997).

This means the bulk of tickets, previously £20-23, will cost £22-24 for the cheaper matches and £26-28 for the others. Prices for friendly matches are vet to be decided.

The decision is a victory for the hardliners on the match and grounds committee. They insisted that last season's gates were poor because the matches were meaningless; they helieve, the combination of football's new popularity and the lure of the World Cup will ensure Wembley is filled.

They also noted that these prices are not much higher than ot Premiership grounds. Since some of them are also the chair-

despite Leeds United's shortage of strikers, has joined FC

Zurieh on loan for the rest of

signed for a then elub-record

£4,25m from Parma last No-

vember, failed to establish him-

self in the Leeds team, spending

a large amount of time on the

find a new club. He did not re-

port for pre-season training

and his squad number, 36, in-

dicated how high, or low, he fig-

ured in the plans of Howard Wilkinson, "He wants to play

football and the club prepared

to give him first-team football is FC Zurich," the Leeds man-

released but there was an in-

triguing quote from FC Zurich's club president, Sven Hotz. "We were only able to ac-quire the Swede thanks to an

exceptional offer from abroad,"

The 26-year-old, who has

scored 26 goals in 46 interna-

tionals, is likely to make his de-

4 September against Young

Blackhurn Rovers may have

ager said. No details of the deal were

Since the end of last season Brolin has been attempting to

substitutes' bench.

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to Zurich on loan

"Thomas Brolin, noticeable by to sign Gabriel Batistata from inis absence from Elland Road Fiorentina or Piechtigi Casimphi

he season. he will be staying. The mid-fielder, who has been linked

men who set those prices, that Iy done well in qualifiers at the is not particularly surprising. England will be given a help-

ng hand as they attempt to fill Wembley and match expectations. In an effort to recreate Wembley's summer euphoria, the FA is to ask Frank Skinner and David Baddiel either to update "Three Lions" or to write a new theme song. As at Euro 96, leading pop figures will start the

singing of the national anthem. Duncan Ferguson's international exile looks set to end today when Craig Brown, the Scotland manager, names his squad for the start of their World Cup qualifying campaign. Scotland travel to Vienna

for their opening against Austria on 31 August, and Brown looks set to recall the Everton striker, who has not played for Scotland for 20 months. Ferguson won the last of his five caps in a 1-0 defeat in Greece in December 1994 during the

qualifying campaign for Euro 96. Brown has set his squad a target of seven points from a possible nine in their first three games. The visit to Vienna is followed by a double-header in Latvia and Estonia in October.

"That would give us an ideal start and set us up for the first home game against Sweden in November," Brown said, "But it certainly won't be easy. Austria away is one of our toughest fixtures and we deliberately wanted to play them first.

"Austria beat the Czech Republic just before the start of Euro 96 and have made a lot of progress since we beat them in a friendly in Vienna in April 1994. But we have traditional-

Fiorectina or Piechtigi Casiraghi

from Lazio as a replacement for Alau Shearer but at least Tun

Sherwood has made clear that

with Arserial, agreed a three-

year extension to his contract with the club yesterday. The Professional Footballers'

at a Lilleshall rehabilitation

forced to retire due to injury.

Gordon Taylor, the PFA chief

executive, said only 13 of the 20

Premier League clubs have fully

chartered physiotherapists and across the 92 professional clubs

that figure with the free places

we are providing at this centre.

which has an excellent record

The FA is awaiting a written

explanation from Sunderland

after they played Alex Rae in

three pre-season friendlies de-spite the midfielder still having

ter being sent off for Millwall

last season. Sunderland con-

tacted the FA as soon as they re-

and reputation," Taylor said.

"Fifty of our members have

the figure is only a third.

scalp would be an impressive addition to that trio. They are a quality team and it will be one of the best results in Hearts' history if we can beat them," said Jefferies, **Leeds let Brolin go** whose side drew the first leg

0-0 in Belgrade two weeks ago. "They are a young side and we are getting them at the right time. Their stadium has a running track around it and the

start of our season when the

players are fresh, and I hope

the start of the Euro 96 quali-

fying campaign, we got off to a flyer with a 2-0 win and it later

proved a very significant result.

provide us with two very important games in five days."

tison many of his Euro 96 squad

who won plandits for their dis-plays against the Netherlands,

of Aberdeen and Celtic's Jack-

ie McNamara may step up from the Under-21 squad which reached the last four in Europe

McNamara's Celtic team-

mate Phil O'Donnell also

looked a likely contender until

he suffered a muscle tear last

player injured, as is Alan McLaren of Rangers. The Un-

der-21 squad to face Austria

away on 30 August will also be

pean conquests at Tynecastle in

tonight's Cup-Winners' Cup

in recent years, Bayern Mu-

nich, Bologna and Atletico

Madrid have lost at Hearts, and

Jim Jefferies, the Hearts man-

ager, knows that Red Star's

qualifying round.

England and Switzerland.

last season.

Brown looks unlikely to jet-

Youngsters Stephen Glass

"When we went to Finland at

that is the case again.

crowd is back from the pitch. They will not relish the atmosphere at Tynecastle when the crowd is right on top of them. But we have to be patient and we have to keep our disci-

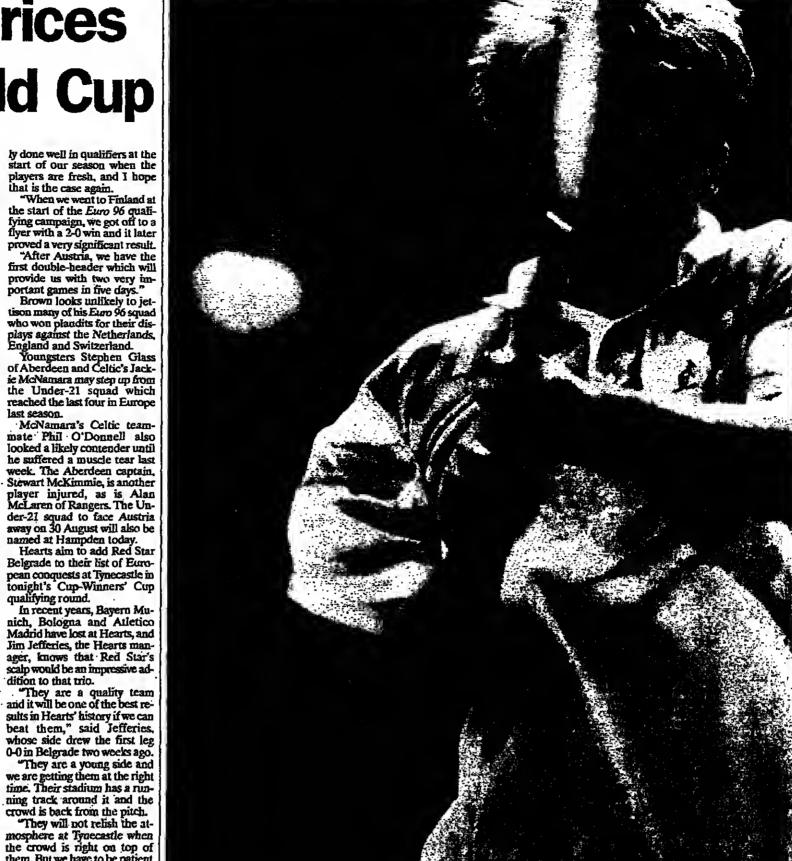
Hearts have doubts over their goalkeeper Gilles Rousset, who has a virus, and the midfielder Neil Pointon, who has a groin strain. Both missed training yesterday, but Jefferies Association has announced a

scheme that will provide six is hoping that they will be places a week for their members available. Colin Cameron, Dave centre. The aim is to reduce the number of players who are McPherson, Pasquale Bruno and Neil McCann have all been passed fit and are definitely in

contention. Cameron, who impressed in the first leg, stressed the need for a patient approach. "I don't think we need to push everybody forward at the start," he said. "We just have to gradualto quit every year and with this link-up we hope we can reduce ly build it up throughout the game. After all, we don't go out if it's 0-0 after 90 minutes - it

just goes to extra time. "If we get an early goal, it'll maybe settle us, but if we don't, then we want the fans to keep getting behind us."

Hearts are aware of the danger of Yugoslav Perica Ogn-jenovic, who at 19, is already rated in the £4m class. Red Star have no major injury worries and Vladimir Petrovic, the Red Star coach, said: "We're confident we will go through."



Andrei Chesnokov battles in vain against Vince Spadea in the Hamlet Cup in New York

# Injury forces Becker out

Boris Becker has withdrawn from the US Open, which begins on Monday. Becker, who won the title in 1989, is still suffering from the wrist injury he sustained at Wimbledon.

Mary Pierce of France and America's Meredith McGrath have also pulled out of the year's final Grand Slam tournament. Pierce is troubled by an injury to her right shoulder, while McGrath, who reached the Wimbledon semi-finals this year, has a knee injury.

The French Open champion. Yevgeny Kafelnikov, was included in yesterday's draw, ranked a career-high third in

hut the Russian considers him- the world, has been ranked as the seventh-ranked Wimhle-

Tuesday with a rib injury. the US Tennis Association tria, a clay-court specialist, to broke with tradition and took a the third spot for the event. page out of the Wimbledon

lating the men's seedings. The association has for many of men's seeds until just prior to yesterday's draw ceremony. Michael Chang, currently

self questionable after pulling the second seed, behind the out of the Hamlet Cup on world No 1, Pete Sampras. was seeded fifth. Despite a his-That dropped the second- tory of disappointing showings In deciding yesterday's draw, ranked Thomas Muster of Aus-

Spyder said tournament offihandbook by deviating from the cials wanted the seedings to be ATP Tour rankings in formu- a more accurate predictor of the event, rather than a reflection of the rankings computer. He said years seeded players strictly according to world rankings, hat the USTA president. Les Snyder, decided to do things differently this year, and withheld the list application. player was not a factor.

Andre Agassi, following vietories in the Olympics and at Cincinnati, is seeded sixth, while

at Flushing Meadow, Goran Ivanisevie was seeded fourth.

Spain's Felix Mantilla.

ranked No 16, who would have been awarded the final seeding under the usual US Open format, was left unseeded, allowing Cedric Pioline of France to join the seeded ranks in the

men's draw. Britain's No 1, Tim Henman. has been drawn against Andrei Olhovskiy of Russia in the first round at Flushing Meadow, while his compatriot, Greg Rusedski, plays Jared Palmer of the United States.

#### **Scientist** supports legalising steroids

Drugs in sport

A leading South African sports scientist has said drugs should be legalised in sport to end the 'does he, doesn't he?" debate once and for all.

Dr John Hawley, director of the High Performance laboratory at the South African Sports Science Institute in Cape Town. was quoted in the September issue of SA Sports Illustrated as saying it was no longer possible to tell who was "clean" and who

He said many athletes at last month's Atlanta Olympics have had to make a choice of whether they are going to take performance-enhancing drugs.
Whenever anyone stands up there on the podium I don't know whether it's them or the

drugs," Hawley said.
"You can't ignore it. There's no question that drugs are a big part of today's superior

"I'm not going to mention any names but you look at the physiques of those guys ... you just don't get pectoral muscles like that from huge bench

"In the strength and power events I would say that as many as 50 per cent of competitors at the Olympics have used performance-enhancing drugs. maybe more."

He said the only way to recreate a level playing field was to consider legalising the use of steroids and other enhancers.

"Maybe we should just make steroids legal. As unethical and as morally wrong as it sounds I actually think that's the way

to go.
"It's an ethical problem. There's no question where I or anyone else at this institute stand medically - steroids are illegal and performance-

enhancing."
He claimed Atlanta's highly publicised doping laboratory had been a public relations exercise. The public has been whitewashed into thinking that drugs enhance athletes the week before competition - they don't. Steroids help in training m the winter months long t fore the competitions." Hawley

"If an athlete stops using steroids three months before competition they won't be

Hawley had been asked to theorise on how low world records would ultimately fall. "If you are asking me what

are the limits to human performance, we have already surpassed them. Most of these are drug records,"

#### TODAY'S NUMBER

The number of times in 24 hours Alex Higgins has withdrawn from a snooker event objecting to the referee. Yester day he pulled out of the British Open and on Tuesday he withdrew from the Thai Open.

#### Athletics

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Boys.

Lintord Chastic plans to bring a hectic season to a premature close after two meetings this weekend. Christie runs in Friday right's Grand Prix in Brussels prowding a kinee mury has cleared, followed by Sunday's McDonald's Games at Sheffield.

Sheffield.

Primo Nebiolo, president of the International Amateur Athletics Federation, has said that athletes who break world records at next year's World Championships in Athens will be paid a bonus of £66,000. The award is available after an agreement was reached with an unnamed sponsor, and Nebiolo said the rederation hoped to expand the scheme (ederation hoped to expand the scheme to other major meetings.

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Crystal Palace, the Budweiser League side who have a long tradition of developing young talent, have signed two of Engand's most promising players, Barry Gooch, 22, from Herdordshire, and 21-year-old Wayne Henry of Totting.

Vuyani Bungu, of South Africa, held onto his International Boxing Federation ju-nior featherweight title with a unarimous points victory over Jesus Salud, of the Philippines, in Pretoria.

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Birmingham's Robert McCracken, the Commonwealth middleweight champion, is to make a second defence of his title against the Canadian Pitzgarald Bruney on 1 October. McCracken won the title by outpointing Bruney last November but despite that success he has now been ordered to meet him egain with the fight set to be staged at a venue in Birmingham.

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fight that ended in a riot at Madison Square Garden according to a report in yesperday's Washington Post. The news-paper also said attorneys for Bowe and his manager, Rock Newman, are at-tempting to negotiere a settlement with the New York State Athletic Commis-sion. The commission is holding \$1m (£666,000) of Bowe's purse and has suspended Newman's promoter's li-cence as a result of the brawl.

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Bournemouth midfleider Scott Meen, whose £750,000 move to West Halm collapsed in the summer through Injury, faces six months on the sidelines after undergoing surgery to reconstruct, his lines. The £2-year-old suffered sentous, lighthent damage in training and returned to Dean Colart where he is now on a week-to-week contract.

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gow. The proceeds from a capacity crowd of around 21,000 with help Athletic to almost wipe out the transfer fees

which they had been told to pay for four close-season out-of-contract signings. Plymouth Argyle's Second Division match against Preston North End, originally scheduled to be played on Seturday 31 August, will now take place on Fridey 30 August at 7.45 and will be televised by Sky TV.

Cesar Luis Menotit, the former manager Argentina, is to return to football after an absence of nearly two years to take charge of Buenos Aires did independients. Menotif, who currently works for a local television station, led Argentina to World Cup victory when they hosted the event in 1978.

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# Hoddle may consider Beckham call

GLENN MOORE

By the time he arrived at Filbert Street yesterday evening. Glenn Hoddle must have felt like nne of those rock singers on lour who annunces: "It's great to be in..." and then turns to his drummer and asks: "Where are we?"

Such has been the pace of Hoddle's assessment of England candidates that Leicester v Southampton was his fifth match in five days. Yet he still feels underprepared for today's squad, the one to open Eng-land's World Cup campaign in Mnidova next Sunday.
"It has been a hectic start but

I have still not seen all the games I would have liked," the England coach admitted yesterday. "Ideally, I would have liked another two weeks."

Unlike Terry Venables, who spent many hours watching matches on video, Hoddle prefers to see players in the flesh. "I could have watched videos, but it is always hetter to

Blackburn (v Tottenham), to Southampton (v Chelsea), to Liverpool (v Arsenal), to Leeds (v Sheffield Wednesday). The most obvious omissions are Manchester United and Newcastle United, but Hoddle was

at the Charity Shield. This gave him a chance to see David Beckham, who could be his first debutant. Beckham has begun the season in excellent form, highlighted by his ex-

Last night's match followed coigne and Jamie Redknapp a long-distance haul from struggling to be fit, there is a struggling in be fit, there is a place for a new creative mid-fielder, but Beckham has com-

> Last night's choice of Filbert Street was significant, the only reason Hoddle could have gone there is Matt Le Tissier, who he

> had already seen on Sunday. Le Tissier idolised Hoddle when he was developing his skills and his admiration is reciprocated. Le Tissier has lost weight this summer in an effort to make the squad, but apart from one moment of genius

with him on Sunday. As he is a confidence player, it may be worth including Le Tissier in the squad, even if Hoddle does not

intend to play him.

Dennis Wise, Hoddle's captain at Cheisea, was also unimessive at The Dell, but there may be a recall for Mark Wright or Gary Pallister. Both missed Euro 96 with injury but are playing again. With Tony Adams injured, there is room for another central defender. Adams' abcaptain is required. Paul Ince, who led England in their infa-mous defeat to the United States is likely to be given the bonour ahead of Stuart Pearce

and may well keep it.
At least Hoddle will have the latest information on Adams and Platt. He has appointed Gary Lewin, the Arsenal physiother-apist, to the national squad. Lewin replaces the former Tottenham man Dave Butler.

With so few domestic matches played, and no international warm-up, Hoddle is bound to

and shape. Moldova are a relatively new international team of limited ability and experience. They have only won one and drawn one of their last 11 games and England should beat

them with ease. But Moldova is also a poorunfamiliar country, the sort of place where players can struggle to achieve their usual form. The need to get the approach right may mean Pearce is rewarded for reversing his international retirement with a 71st cap. Given Hoddle's preference for wing-

backs. Alan Wright may also be given another taste ni the international scene.

Hoddle has to balance the need for a win with his desire to shape the team on his lines. This afternoon we will find out whether the former pop singer intends to open with a cover ver-sion of Venables' hit, or with a new tune of his own.

Wembley prices rise, page 25

### Russians swept aside by rampant Rangers

Alania Vladikavkaz

Rangers produced a stunning display in Vladikavkaz yester-day afternoon to qualify for the Champions' League. Ally Mc-champions' League. All Mc-champions' League Coist scored his first hat-trick in Europe inside the opening 18 minutes and Brian Laudrup netted twice, with Peter Van Vossen and substitute Charlie Miller adding one apiece as the highly rated Russian champions were swept aside in the second leg of the European Cup qualifying round.

This extraordinary 10-3 aggregate win in remote southern Russia - just 40 miles from the horder with the war-torn Chechen Republic - took Rangers through to the group stages for the third time in five

McCoist struck after only 33 seconds and then again in the 13th and 18th minutes to become the first Ibrox player to score a hat-trick in Europe for Scottish champions grabbed a 10 years. His second hat-trick in fourth goal, Van Vossen round-

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Stuart McCall and Landrup

In the goalkeeper from a McCall pass to fire home.

Before the interval Rangers were involved in his first as they

set up Alex Cleland to cross goal was another header, this time from a cross by Jörg Al-

Rangers were caught out within 60 seconds as Igor Yanovski thumped home from the edge of the box. McCoist soon replied, though, as Sergei Tim-oteyev conceded possession to Van Vossen and he presented McCoist with a simple chance to complete his hat-trick.

In the 24th minute Rangers were pegged back once again as Nazim Sulcimanov converted from the penalty spot after Albertz had pulled down Zaza Revishvili. Ten minutes later the Rangers captain, Richard Gough, was booked for a foul on Omari Tetradze, but five minutes from half-time the

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had to take the defender Gordan Petric to the sidelines for treatment as blood streamed from a head cut, but he returned wearing a bandage. Ten minutes after half-time, Rangers went 5-2 up as Laudrup streaked away on to a Van Vossen pass to round the goalkeeper and

After McCoist had been taken off in the 75th minute, with Gordon Durie coming on, Laudrup added his second and a sixth for Rangers with seven minutes left. He blasted home after McCall had set him up when Durie's shot had struck a post, Rangers completed an mcredible aggregate win when another substitute, Miller, tapped home from Laudrup's

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Make the longest word you can from TREELOUTL Last Saturday's Scramble: VESETABLE



Gould full of praise for Barry heroes

Bobby Gould, the Welsh national team manager, yesterday paid tribute to Barry Town's "incredible" European exploits.

The League of Waleschamp-ions booked their place in the first round of the Uefa Cup in dramatic style on Tuesday, pulling back a 3-1 first-leg deficit against the Hungarian side, BVSC-Dreher, to go through 4-2 on penalties after extra time at a packed Jenner Park.

Gould, currently plotting this is a massive boost for the whole of Welsh football. I've whole of Welsh football. I've whole of Welsh football. I've whole of Welsh football is a massive boost for the whole of Welsh football. I've previous round, go into tomorwal from day one when I took over as national manager that of Bayern Munich, Real Madrid

Barnett's team. "It was an incredible result, simply incredihle," said Gould, who was unable to be amongst the 2,500 capacity crowd as he was on a scouting mission to watch Leeds

play Sheffield Wednesday.
"It's a hrilliant reward for Barry's amhition. They have gone full-time and their decision has been fully vindicated by what they have achieved in Europe. It goes without saying that this is a massive boost for the Wales could be one of the most exciting places to watch football,

and that's what's happening."
Goals by Chris Pike (from the penalty spot), Dave O'Gorman and Craig Evans sent the second-leg tie into extra time and then penalties by Pike, Tony Bird, Gary Lloyd and Evans sealed victory against a team who were runners-up in the

Hungarian League last season. Barry, who beat the Latvian

the 33-year-old former Oxford, Fulham, Chariton and Hnd-dersfield midfielder, who only took over as player-manager eight weeks ago, has set his sights on Newcastle United.

Barnett wants to hring Kevin Keegan's multi-million pound squad to south Wales - and the club are ready to hire Cardiff Arms Park if needed. Their general manager, Chris Aust, said: "The ideal scenario would be for us to draw Newcastle and play the home leg at Cardiff Arms

and Celtic. However, Barnett, anteed a big pay day." If they are pitted against one of the smaller clubs in the draw, though, they hope to continue playing at their Jenner Park ground and helieve they can double their current capacity by

the use of temporary seating. Whatever their fate in Europe, Barry have another hig day to look forward to. They will play Manchester United on Thursday 17 October in a memorial match for their former midfielder Matthew Holtham, who lost his life in a Park, where we would be guar- road accident earlier this year.

# England to face Australia twice a year

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While the long-running saga of the Five Nations row drags on, England are to play Australia twice a year from 1997 until at least 2003. This should help them to compete against southem hemisphere countries.

Last night Lawrence Dallaglio, who is tipped as Will Car-ling's successor as England captain, said: "We play Five Na-tions rugby year after year and never get to test ourselves reg-

In fact, however, the move ularly against southern hemi-sphere teams. Now that we can strengthens the RFU's position in the protracted negotiations. If play Australia on a regular basis it leaves us no excuse when no solution can be found, there it comes to the World Cup." is every chance of Twickenham Twickenham endorsed that view with Tony Hallett, the Rug-

by Football Union secretary, saying. "This is just what the players and the country want to see us doing, namely attempting to keep up our competitive edge against the southern hemisphere countries. This arrangement has no relevance to the current situation regarding the future of the

resigning itself to exile and set-ting up an alternative tourna-ment involving not just Australia, but also South Africa and France and possibly Italy as well.

The Australian Rugby Union, whn made the an-

nnuncement, said the matches would be played in July and November each year, but plans to play England in a one-off Test at Twickenham at the end of

been dropped John O'Neill, the ARU chief executive, said: The Board considered the one-off Test was not achievable due to the long-standing commitment to play the Barbarians at Twickenham on 7 December." But the ARU did agree to add a single Test against Wales during their European tour this autumn, subject to Ireland agreeing to bring forward by a week their Test on 30 Novem-

their tour this December have

ber, thus freeing that date. Scotland have cleared the way for Jim Telfer, their direc-

tant coach on the Lions' tour of South Africa next year under the former Scotland coach, Ian McGeechan. Meanwhile, the Scottish Rugby Union have ap-Scotland manager, in succession to Telfer, who is to concentrate on his directorial duties.

Wales will field two uncapped flankers when they face the Barbarians in Cardiff on Saturday. Kingsley Jones, the Ebbw Vale captain, replaces the injured Hemi Taylor, joining Martyn Williams, of Pontypridd.

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